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Happy New Year

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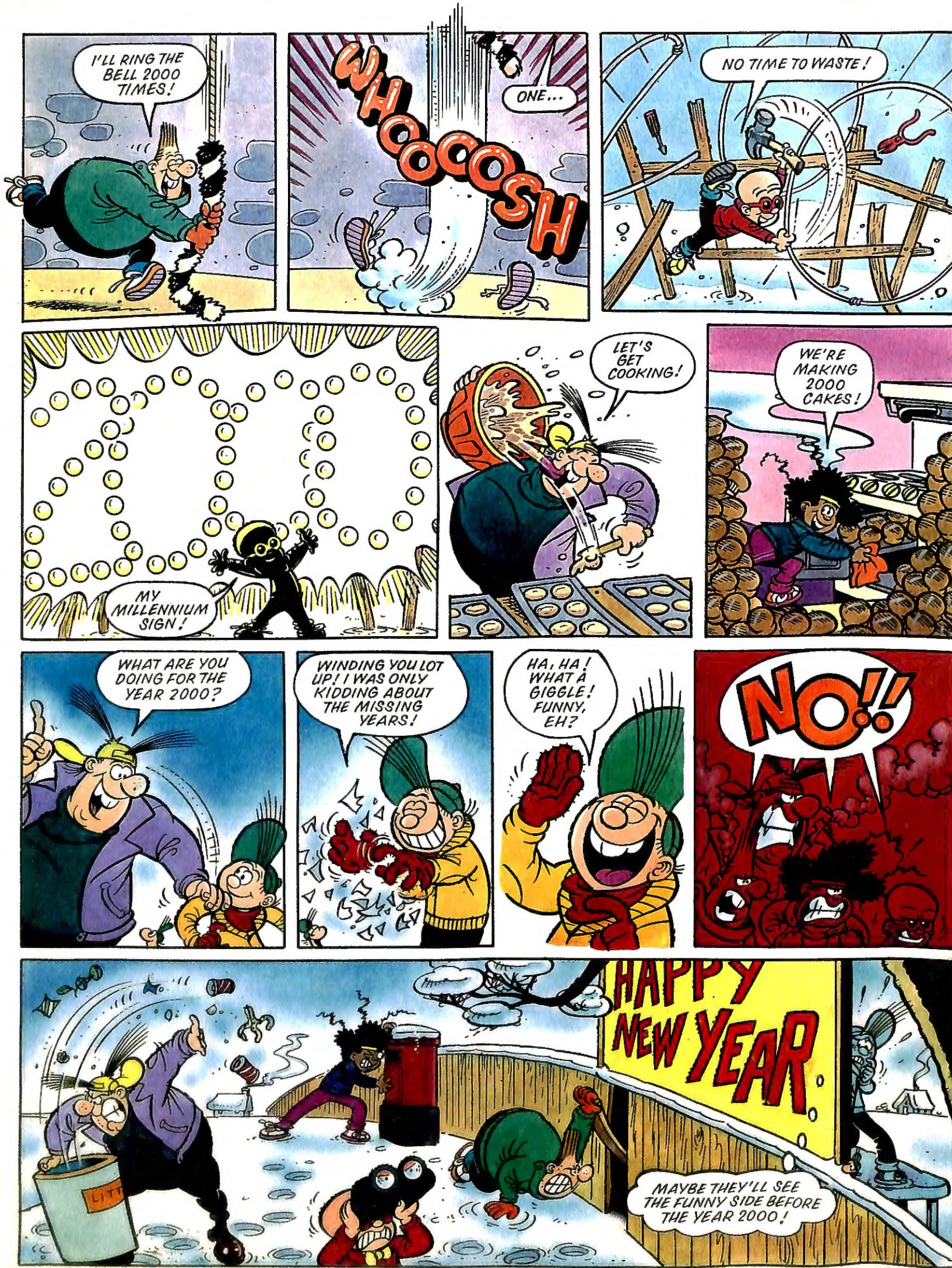
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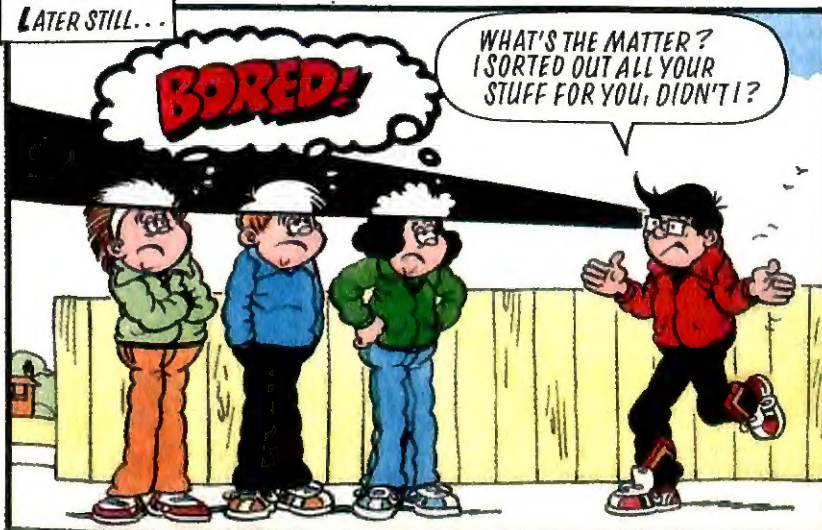
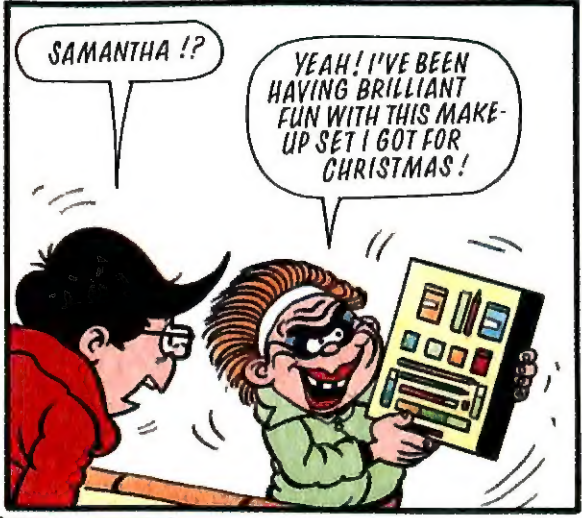
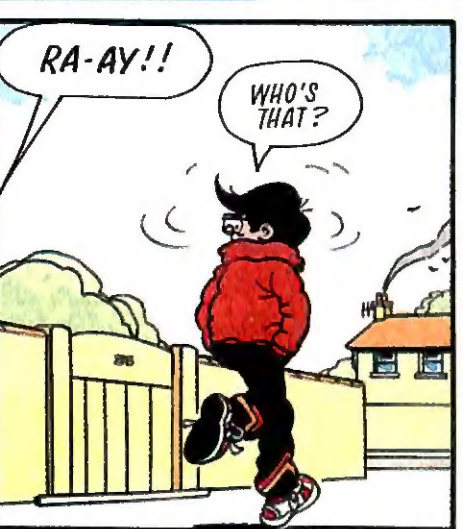
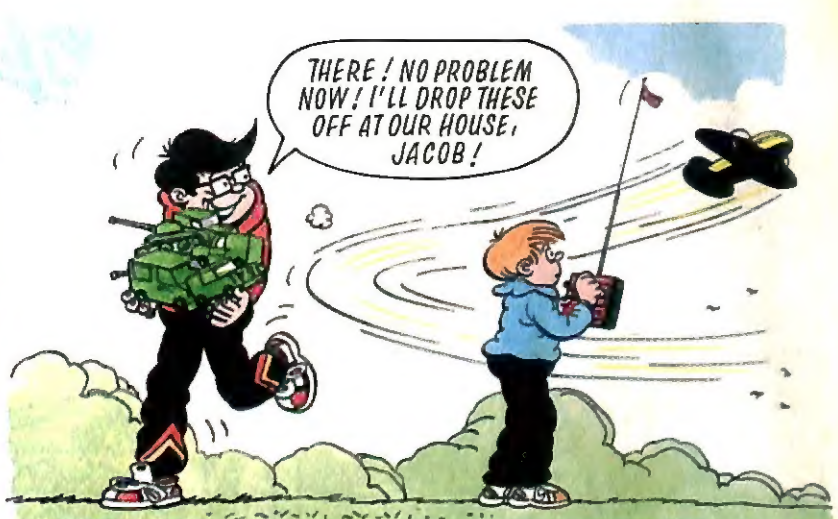
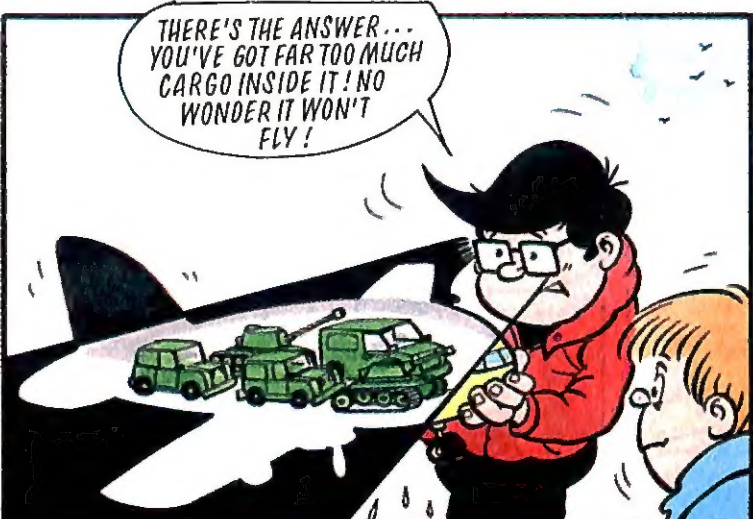
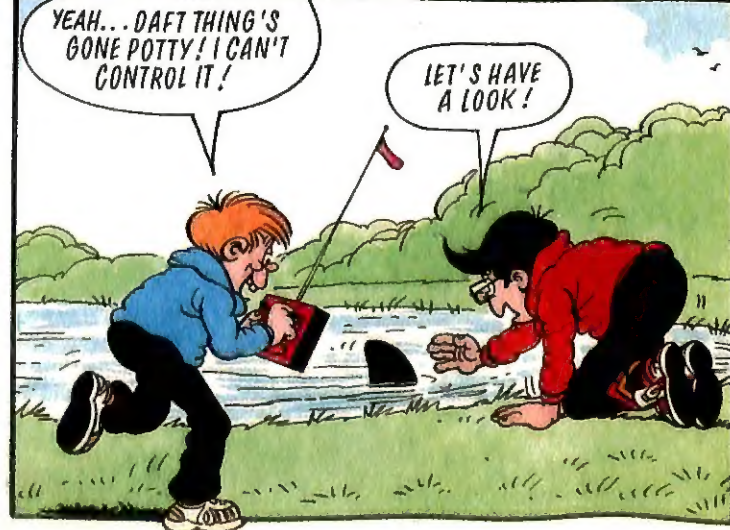
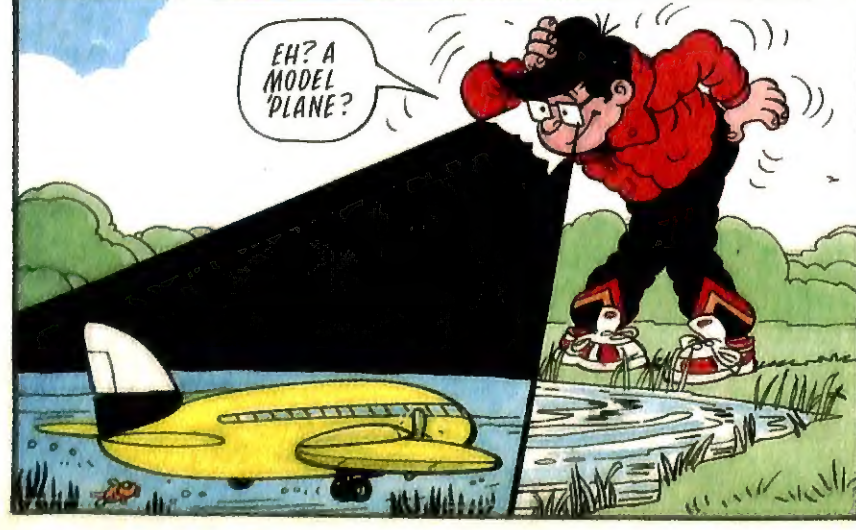
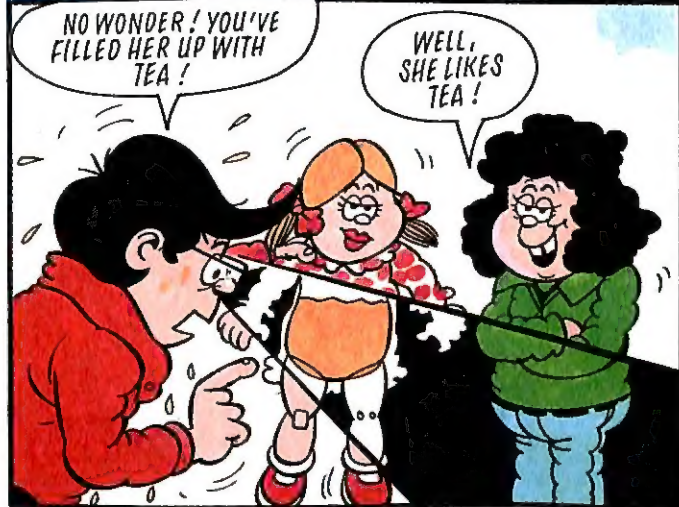
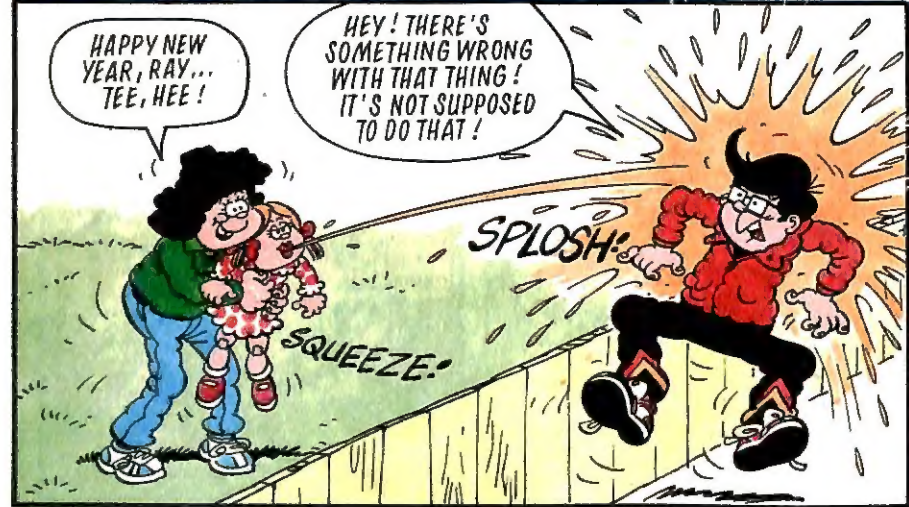
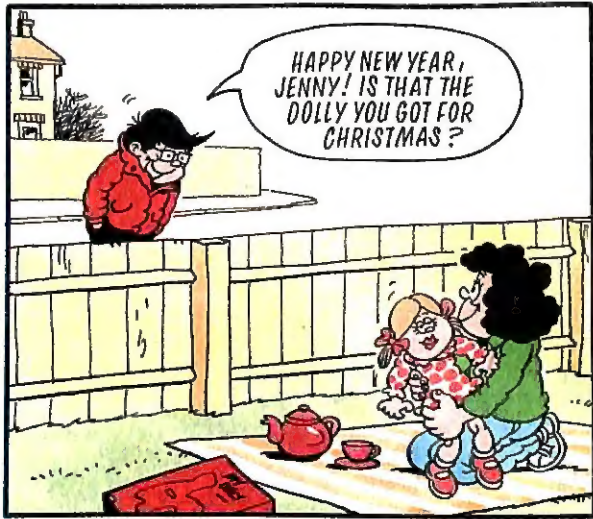
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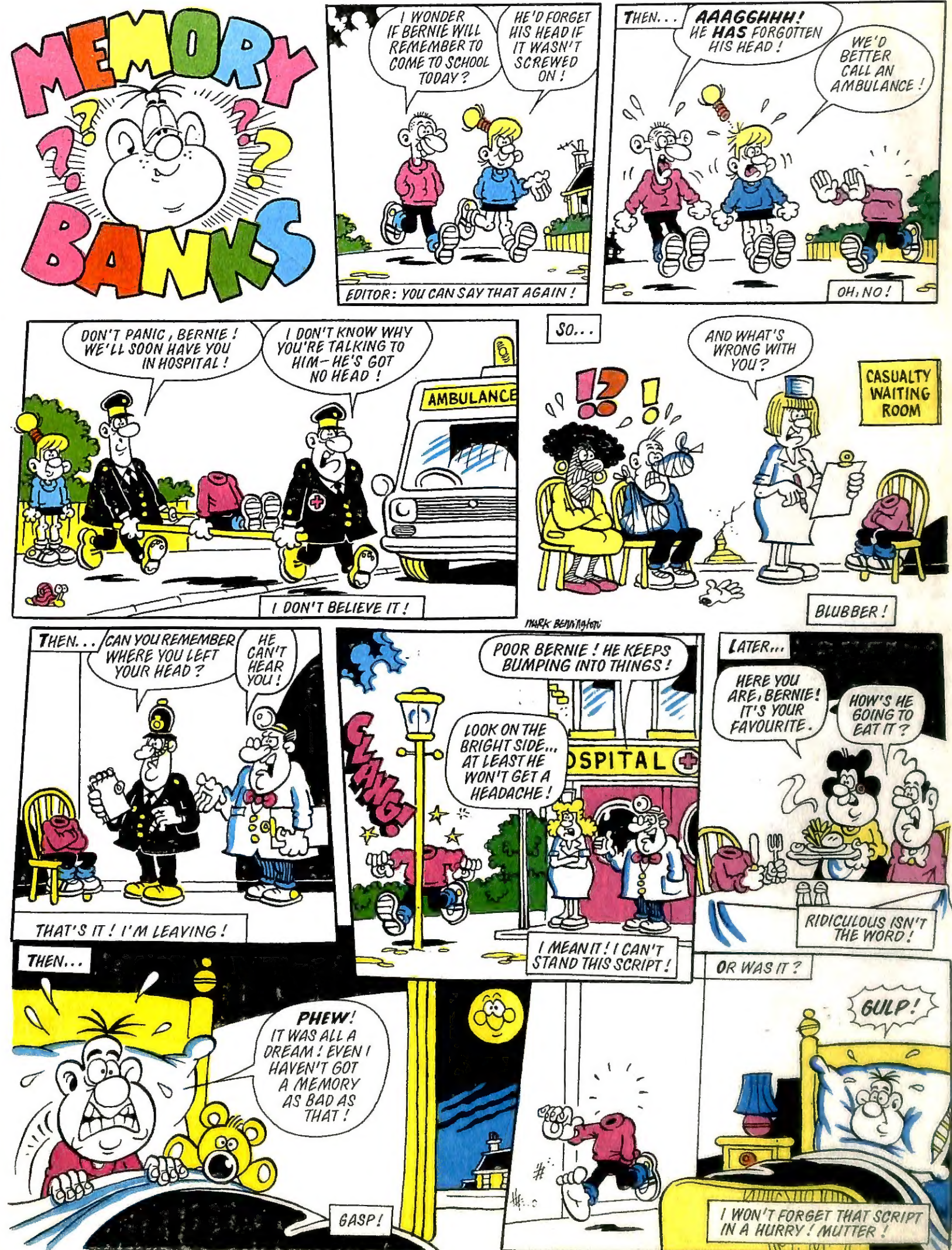
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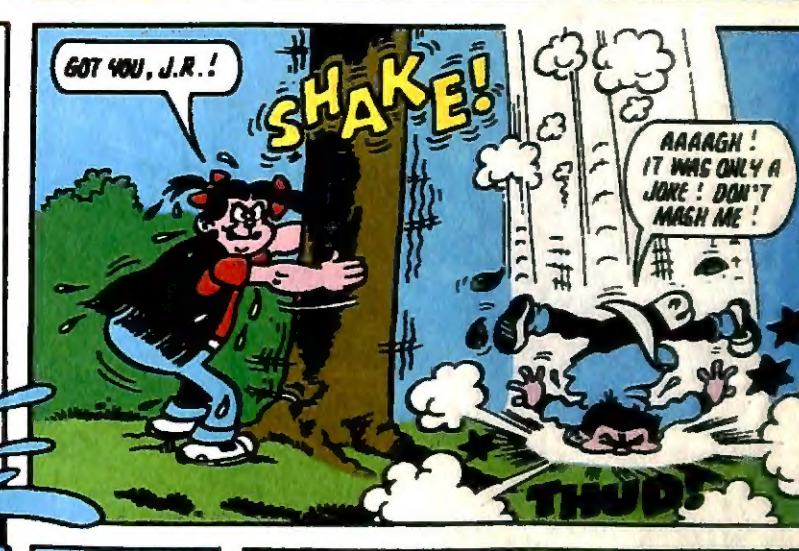
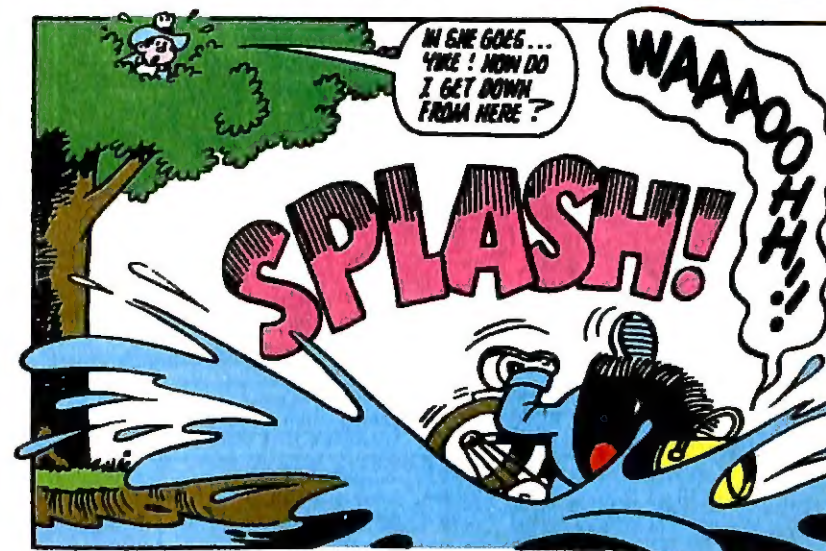
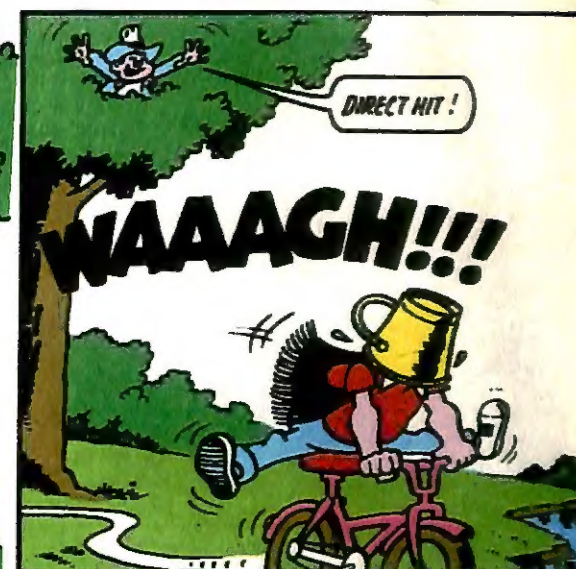
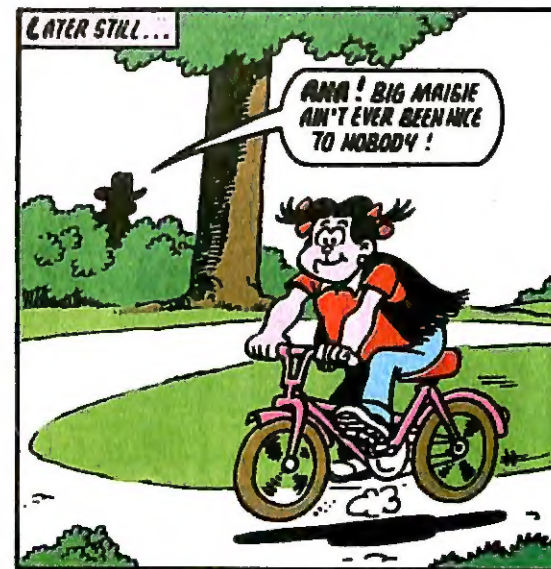
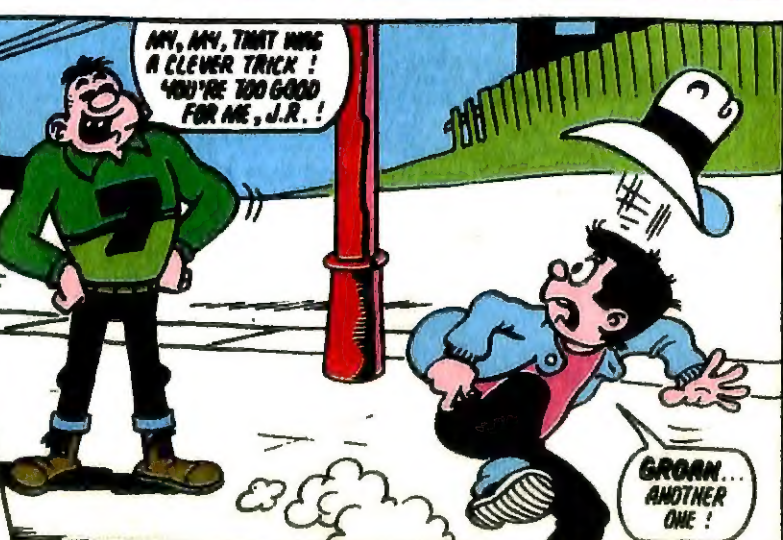
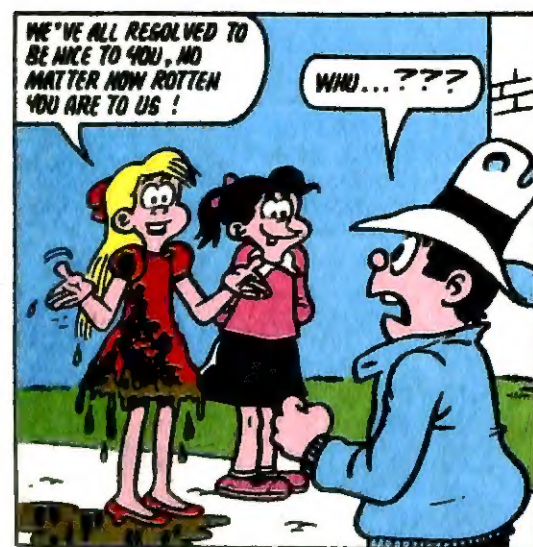
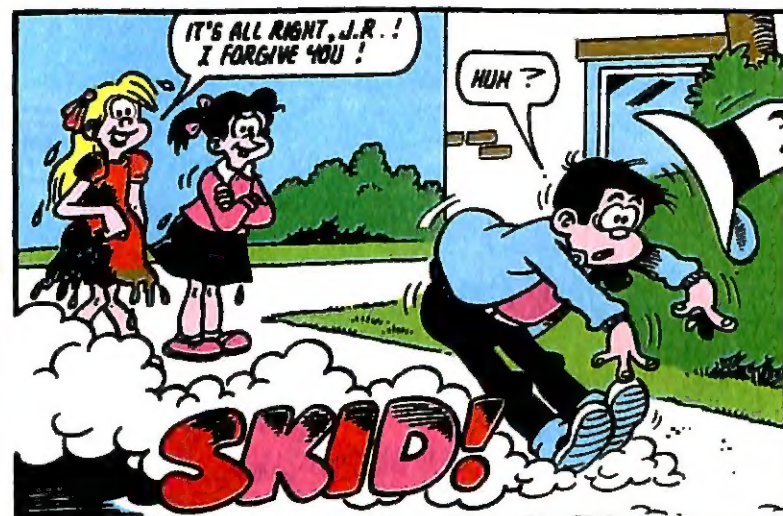
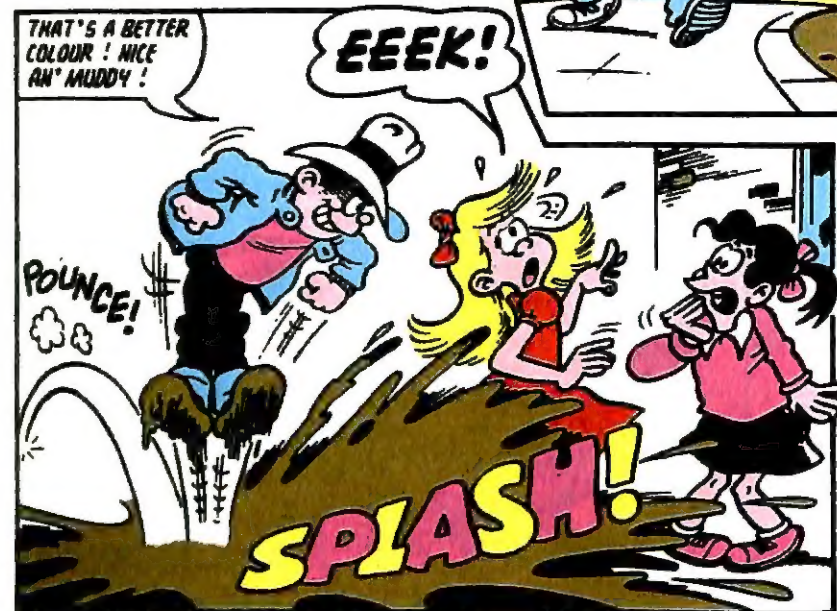
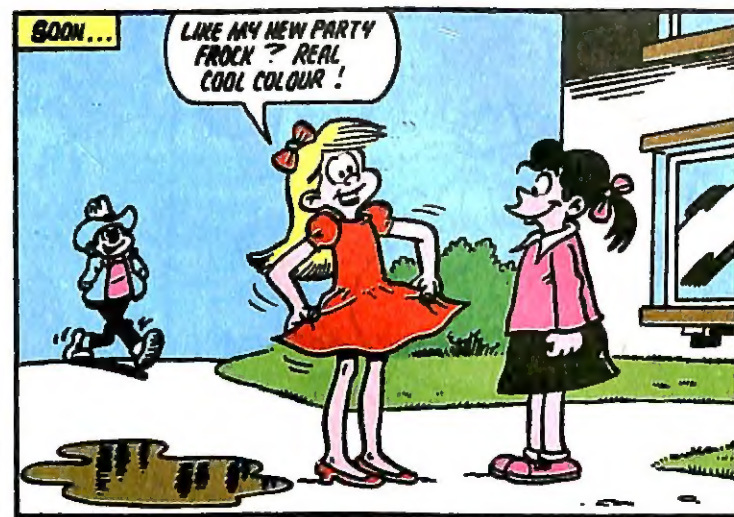
MELVYN'S MIRROR



MEMORY BANKS



Little Rotten



Odd-BALL

NEW YEAR'S EVE ...

PITY YOU CAN'T COME TO THE NEW YEAR FANCY DRESS PARTY, ODD-BALL!

YES, YOU'VE WON IT EVERY YEAR AND IT'S TIME TO GIVE THE REST OF US A CHANCE!

LATER...

I DIDN'T KNOW OUR CAR HAD A ROOF RACK!

IT HASN'T! GET DOWN, ODD-BALL!

THE DOORMAN HAS ORDERS NOT TO LET YOU IN, SO DON'T TRY TO GATECRASH THE PARTY!

SEE YOU LATER, PAL!

BUT...

THEY'VE GOT A RIGHT WIMP ON THE DOOR AND I'LL SCARE HIM AWAY EASY! HEH, HEH!

LEISURE CENTRE

FANCY DRESS 'DO' TONIGHT

BUT...

GRRR!

NICE TRY, BUT I KNOW IT'S YOU, ODD-BALL!

THEN...

TRYING TO WORM YOUR WAY IN, EH?

OUCH!

AND...

LONG JOHN SILVER ONLY HAD ONE WOODEN LEG!

SORRY ABOUT THAT, ODD-BALL!

BAH! TRUST ME TO GET AN EDUCATED DOORMAN!

LATER...

CONGRATULATIONS, NOBBY! YOUR COSTUME HAS WON FIRST PRIZE!

TA! WHAT IS IT?

ME! THAT'S HOW I MANAGED TO GET PARCEL THE DOORMAN! HAW, HAW!

GROAN! I HOPE YOUR JOKES IMPROVE IN 1997!

CLIFF HANGER

I'VE ESCAPED FROM COUNT QUACULA, BUT I'M LOST IN THE CELLARS OF FRANKENSWINE'S CASTLE!

HOORAY! THERE'S A DOOR AHEAD! I'M SAVED!

BUT...

DR FRECKLE AND MR. SNIDE

ODER! I MAY NOT BE QUITE AS SAVED AS I THOUGHT!

TH-THERE'S NO OTHER WAY OUT! I'LL HAVE TO TAKE A CHANCE!

GREEEAK??

ER...EXCUSE ME...

DON'T BOTHER ME NOW, BOY! I'M ABOUT TO DRINK THE POTION THAT MAKES ME CHANGE!

G-GASP! IT'S MISTER SNIDE! SH-SHOULD I TRY TO STOP HIM, READER?

DR FRECKLE AND MR. SNIDE

WHAT DO YOU SUGGEST?
A STOP HIM TAKING THE POTION?
B LET HIM TAKE THE POTION?
NOW TURN OVER THE PAGE AND SEE WHAT HAPPENS!

ONLY YOU CAN SAVE CLIFF HANGER!

TURN TO THE THRILL-PACKED CONCLUSION NOW!

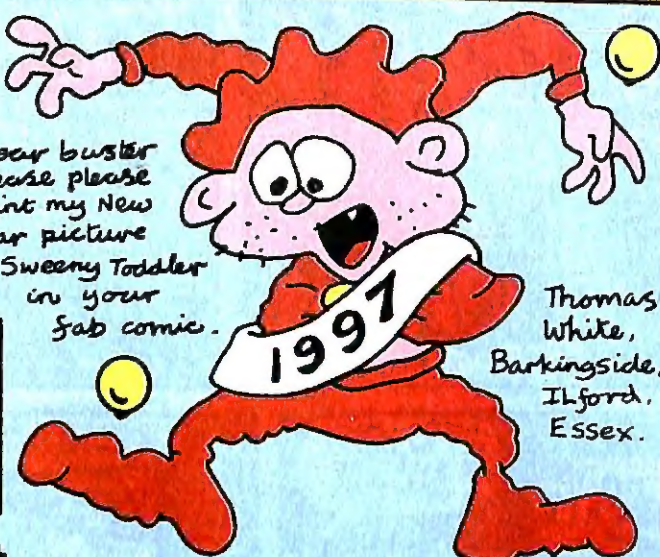
BUSTER'S PIN-BOARD and JOKE PAD

£2 FOR EVERY ITEM PUBLISHED!

NEW YEAR RAP by David McGuinness, Dunmurry, Belfast.

I like Buster, it is cool,
If you don't read it, you're a fool.
Chalky, odd-Ball, it's got the lot,
Once you start to read, you just can't stop.
To keep you happy, to keep you in heaven,
Keep reading Buster in 1997!

Dear buster
please please
print my New
Year picture
of Sweeny Toddler
in your
fab comic.



Thomas
White,
Barkingside,
Ilford,
Essex.

Where do hamsters go for the New Year?
Hamsterdam.

What's brown and sticky?
A stick.

What do policemen eat on New Year's eve?
Truncheon meat.

Simone Cross, Gravesend, Kent.

What's the difference between standing next to a Yew tree and January, 1997?
One's a YEW NEAR, the other's the NEW YEAR!

Tabitha Scott, Kingston, Surrey.

BUSTER INFO

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Address.....

Age.....
Date of birth.....18.....
How long have you been a BUSTER reader.....

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Your 3 fave BUSTER strips

1.....
2.....
3.....
Your least fave BUSTER strip

What is your fave

TV Show.....
Video Game.....

Group.....

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CLIFF HANGER WHAT DID YOU ADVISE CLIFF TO DO, READER?



Buster Birthdays

22 DEC: Victoria Gaffney (age 13), Bury, Lancs.
27 DEC: Lee Paul Dargie (age 13), Leyland, Lancs
7 JAN: Lauren Baxter (age 9), Pottis Wood, Kent

BUSTER BONUS



COMPUTER GAMES

Test your skills with this ace hand-held computer game from Campbell's Meatballs. Mega Meatballs come in five brill flavours: Tomato Sauce, Gravy, Onion Gravy, Bolognese and great new Smoky Bacon. They taste fab - and they're fun to eat.

Thanks to our pals at Campbell's, we have hand-held computer games to give away to every BUSTER reader with something printed on this issue's 'Pin-Board' or in 'Dear Buster'... and that's as well as the regular pocket-money prize of £2. Generous or what?

Also, why not try groovy HOT DOGGERS from Campbell's. Round, bite-sized balls of tasty hot dog sausages in three tasty flavours: Barbecue, Gravy or Tomato. Don't miss out!

BRAIN BUSTERS

Busterword

ANSWER THE CLUES ACROSS, AND THE TWO DIAGONALS WILL SPELL A TYPE OF TOY.



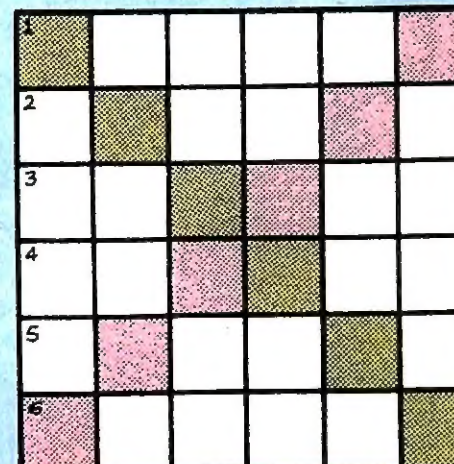
To help you, we've printed the ANSWERS beneath the clues, but they're in the WRONG ORDER! Can you match up the CORRECT answer with each clue?

CLUES ACROSS:

1. Movement from side to side.
2. A famous dog.
3. Got a drink from a cow.
4. Refused to talk when in a temper.
5. Animal with long ears.
6. Tactic in football.

ANSWERS (in the wrong order):

SUIKED TACKLE MILKED
WIGGLE RABBIT LASSIE



NAME:
ADDRESS:

£20 TO BE WON

Fill in the answers as instructed, then complete the coupon with your name and address. Cut out the puzzle & coupon and send to: BUSTERWORD No. 36, BUSTER COMIC, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, ESSEX CM1 3XB. Entries should arrive by 17th January, 1997. The senders of the first 4 correct entries drawn from the postbag after that closing date will each win £5.00!

This Busterword was sent to us by reader DANIELLE GREAGSBY of WESTGATE, KENT. We thought it was so good, we're using it as this issue's BRAIN BUSTER!



NEW YEAR BUSTER

BUSTER COMIC, P.O. BOX 164, CHELMSFORD, CM1 3XB. EACH LETTER PRINTED WINS £2

REVIEW of the YEAR

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I read your comic for the whole of 1996 and I have given my favourite stories a mark out of 100.

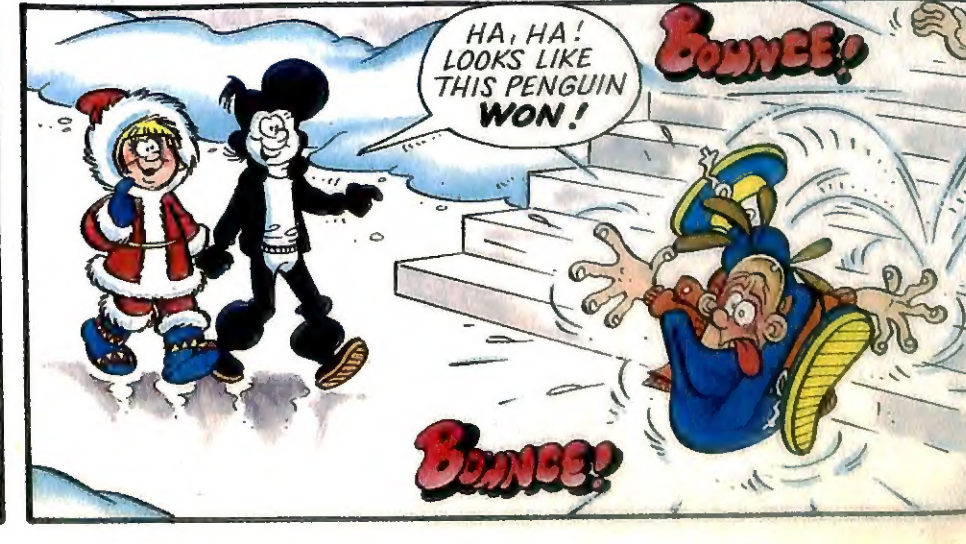
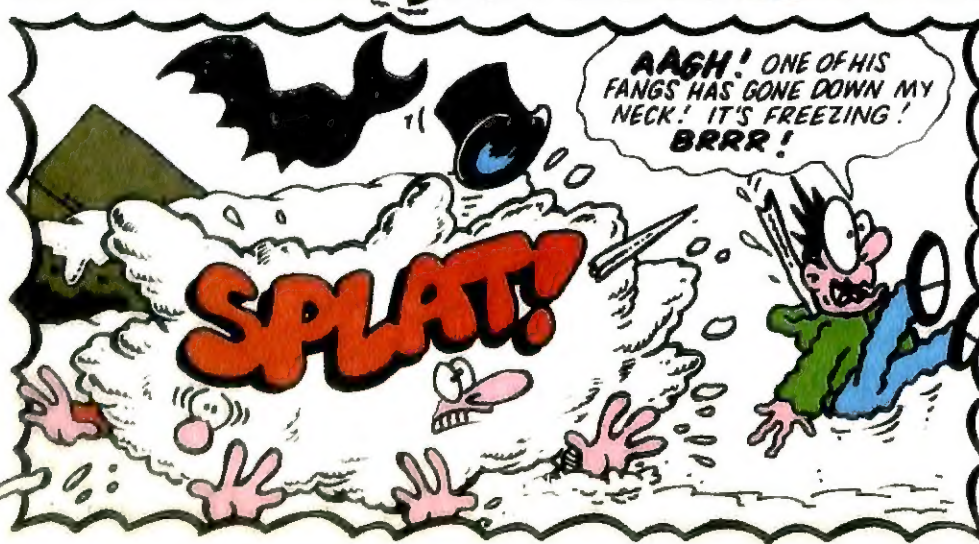
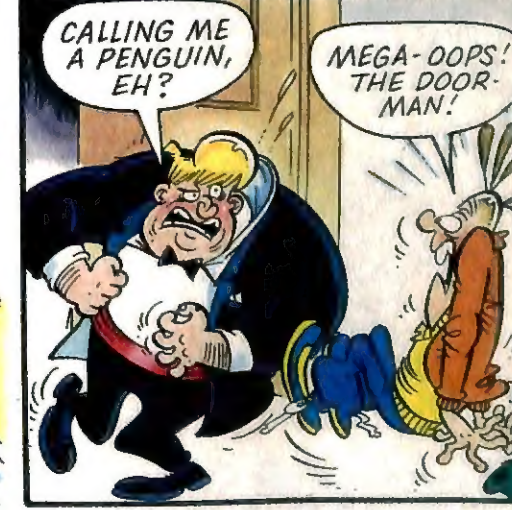
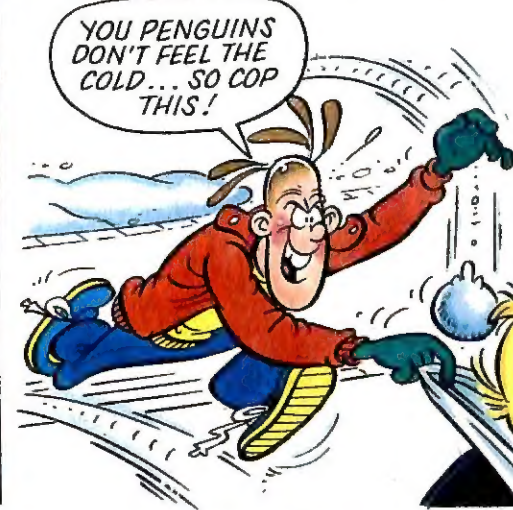
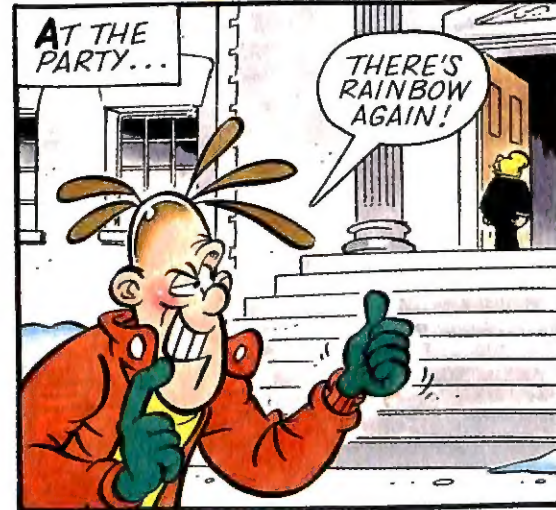
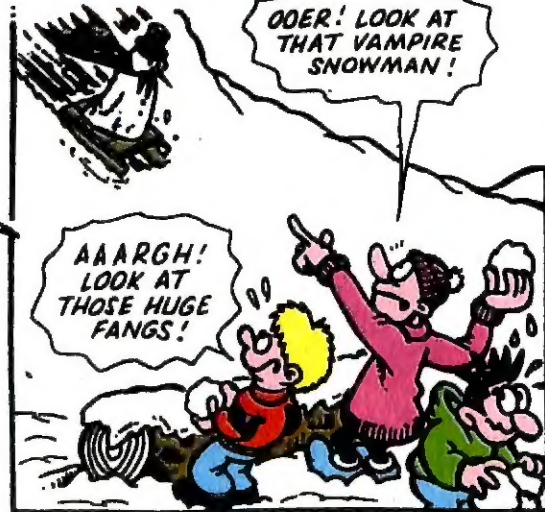
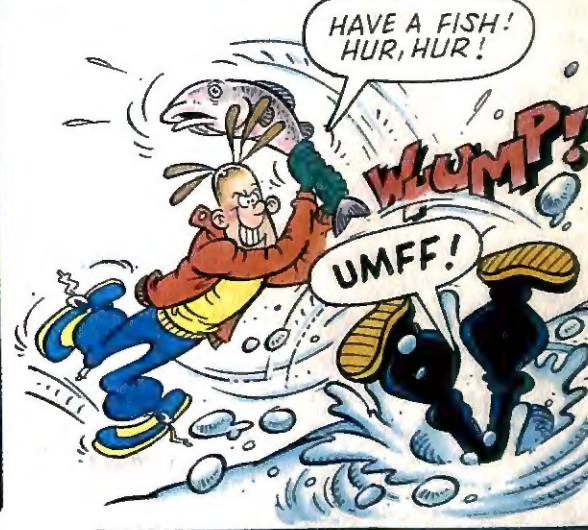
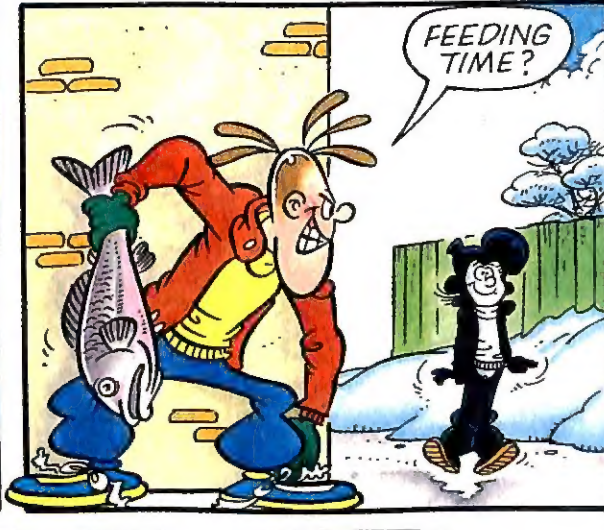
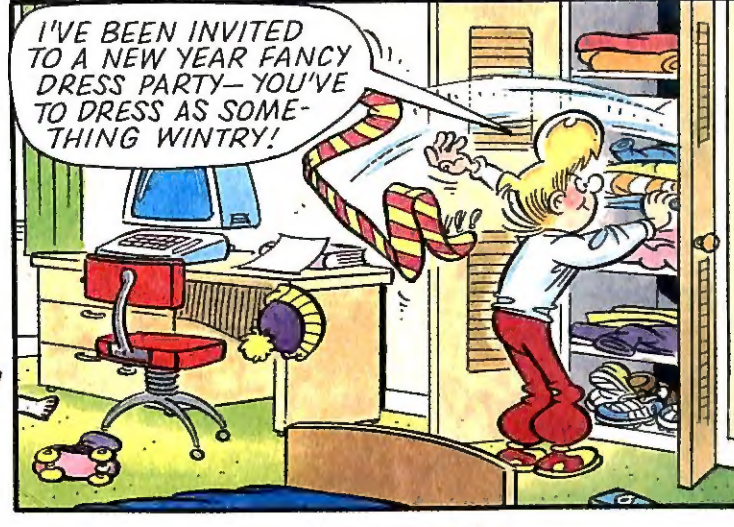
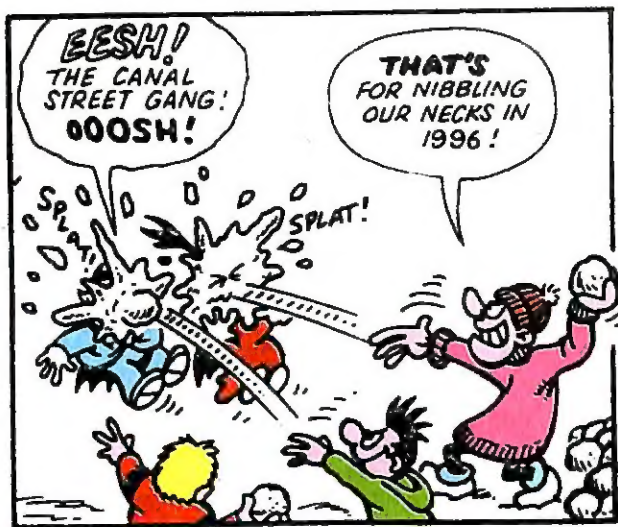
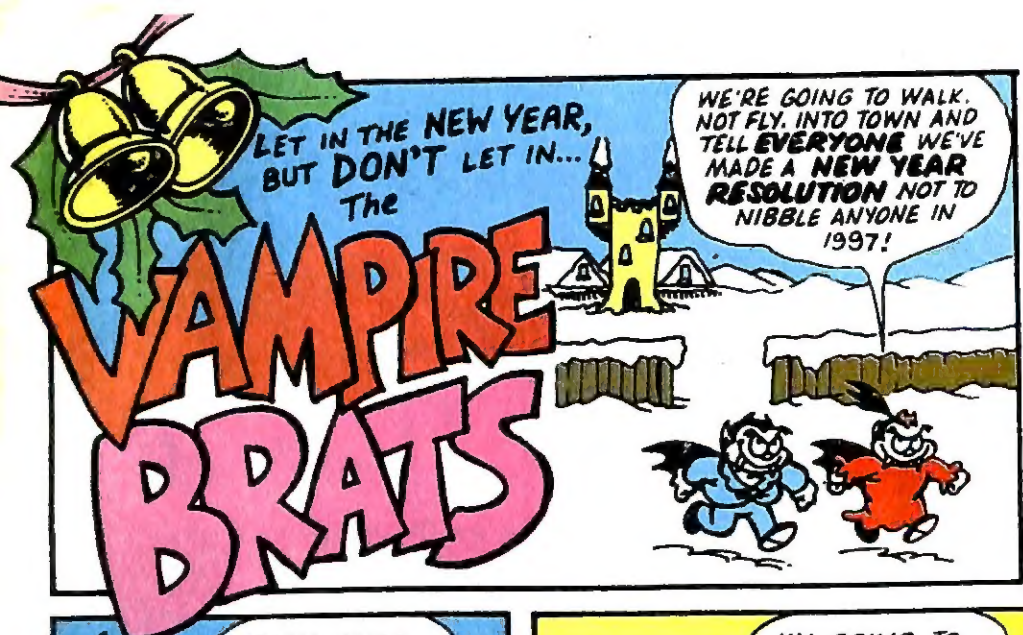
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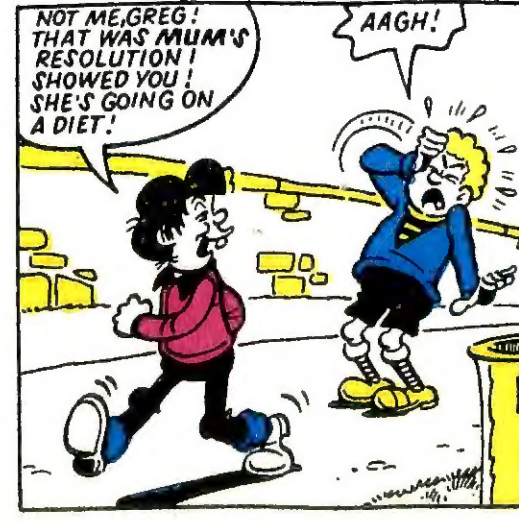
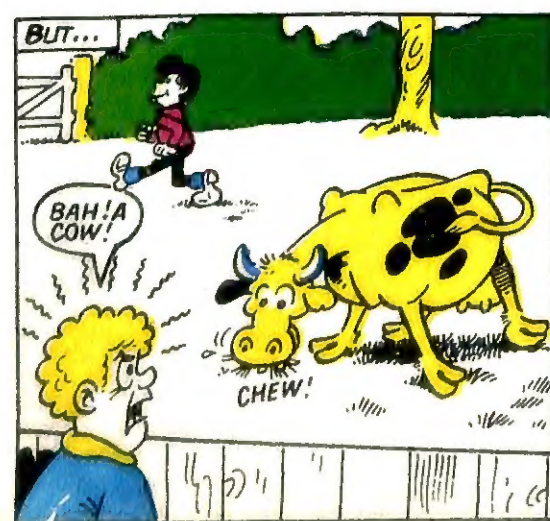
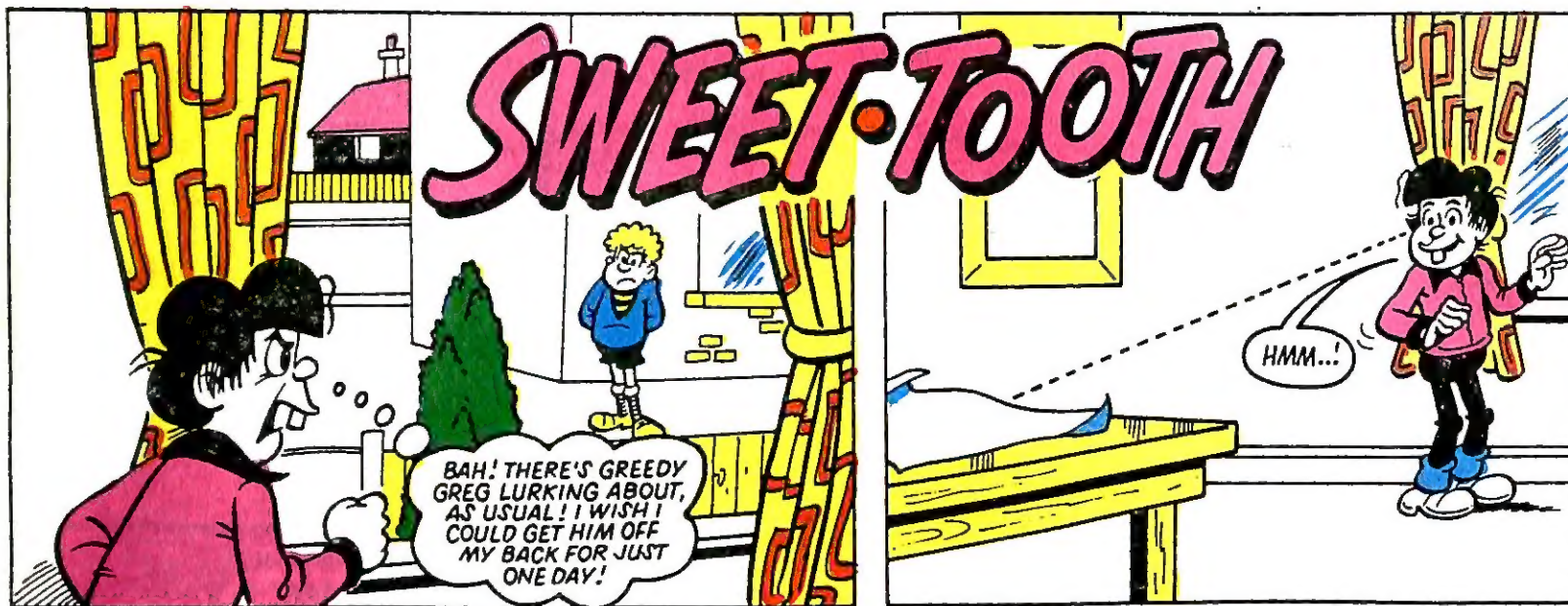
Dear Buster,
Could you please find me a pen-pal for the New Year? My hobbies are swimming and football. My favourite team is Manchester United. I have a black and white rabbit. I'm 10 years old. I'd like a male pen-friend of similar age who also supports Man. United.
LIAM WHITTAKER, 7 COCK CLOSE ROAD, YAXLEY, PETERBOROUGH PE7 3HJ.

Dear Buster, I saw Lloyd Morgan's letter and photo in your magazine and remembered that I've also got some old Buster comics. This one is from August, 1984. It was a special edition for the 80th Birthday of Reg Parlett (Buster's old artist). Some of the stories in Buster were different from today's, but I think they were just as brilliant!
ELAINE FYLES, SLOUGH

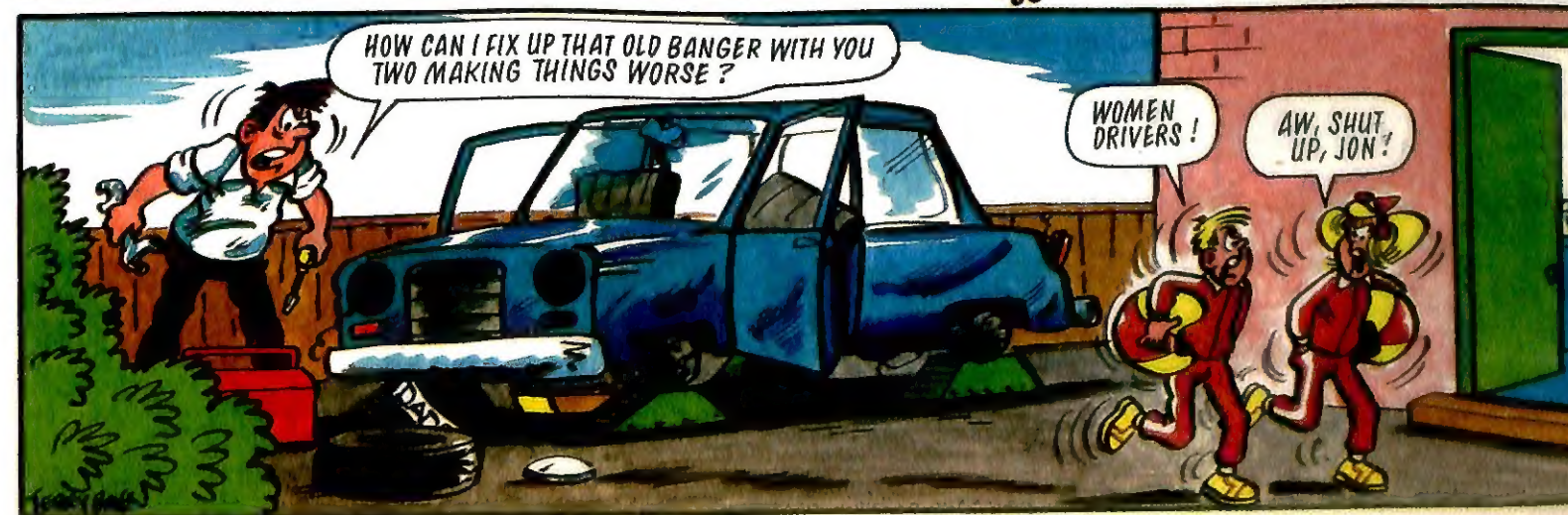
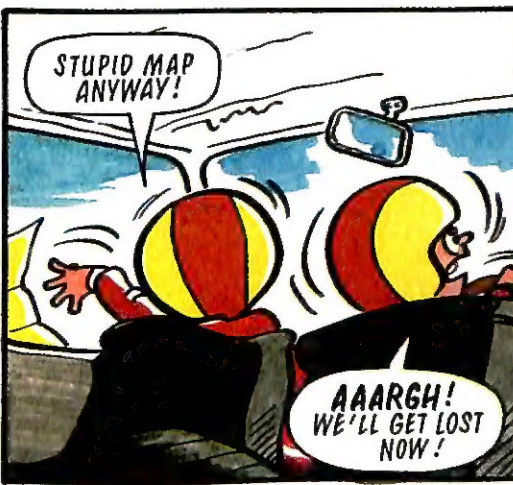
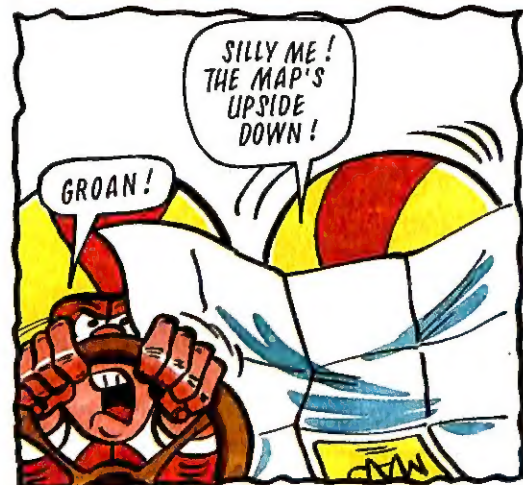
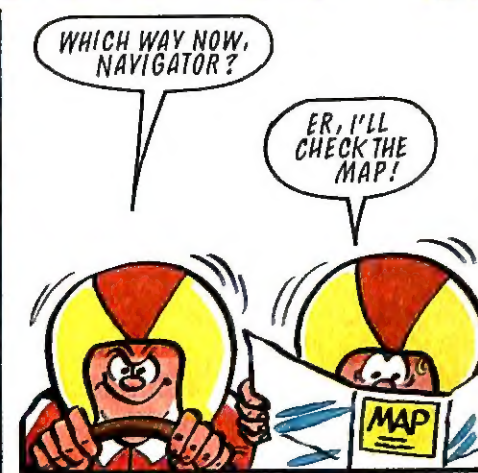
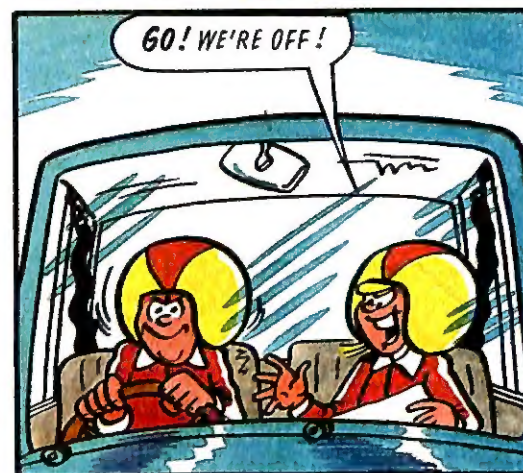




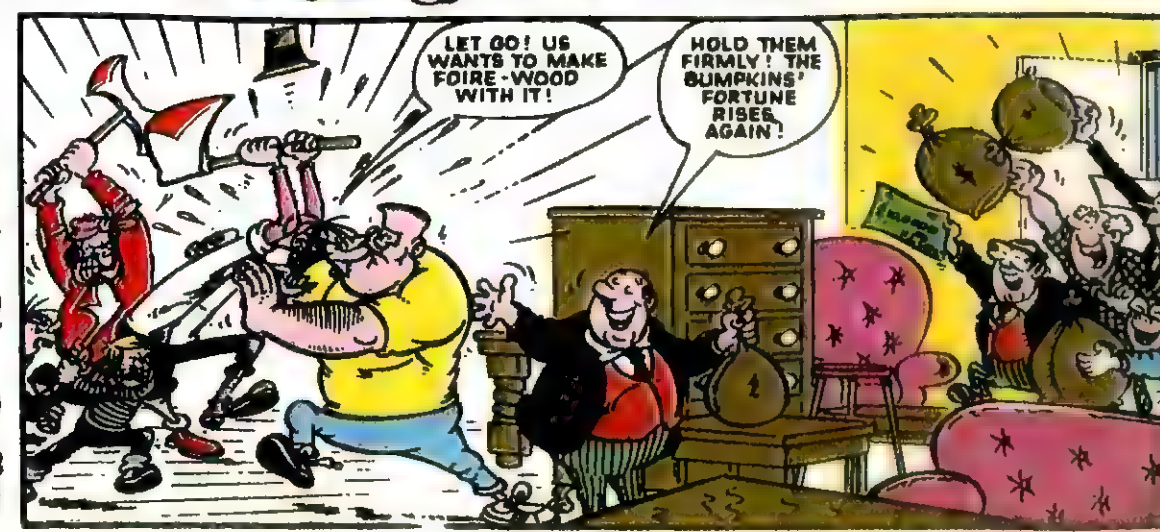
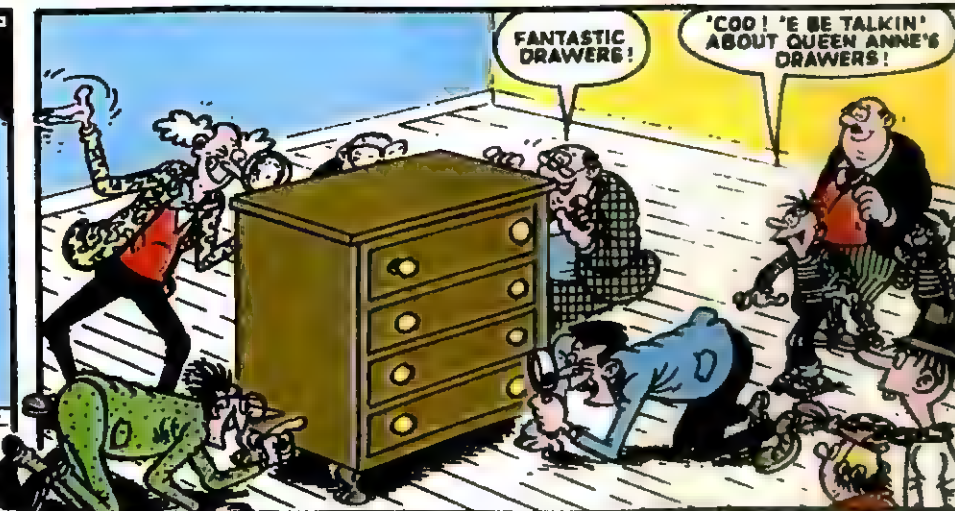
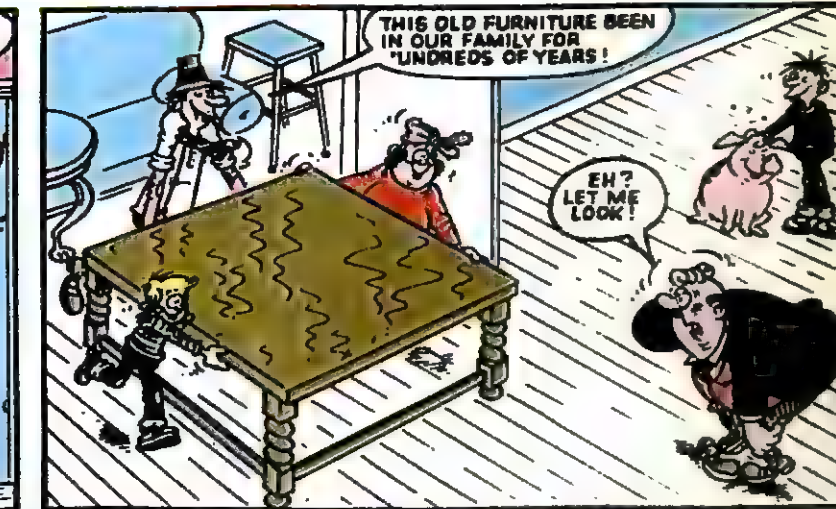
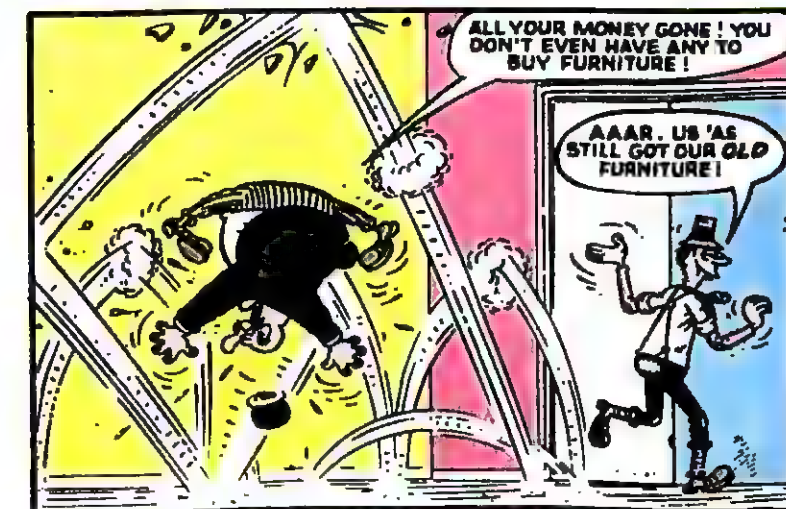
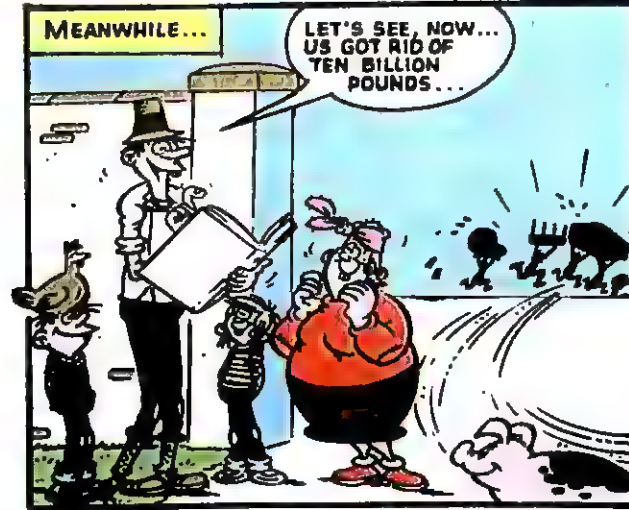
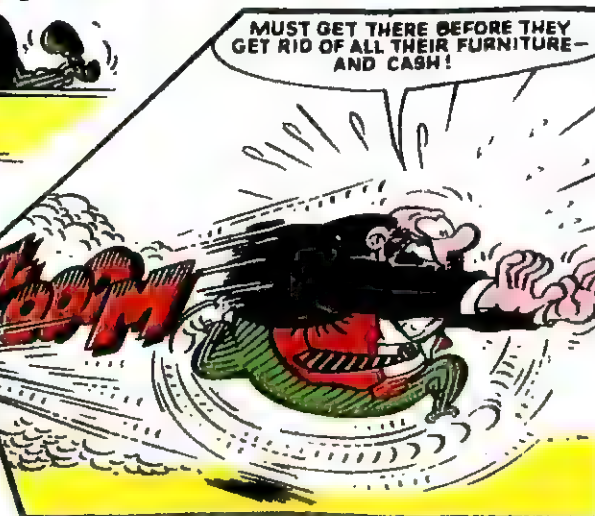
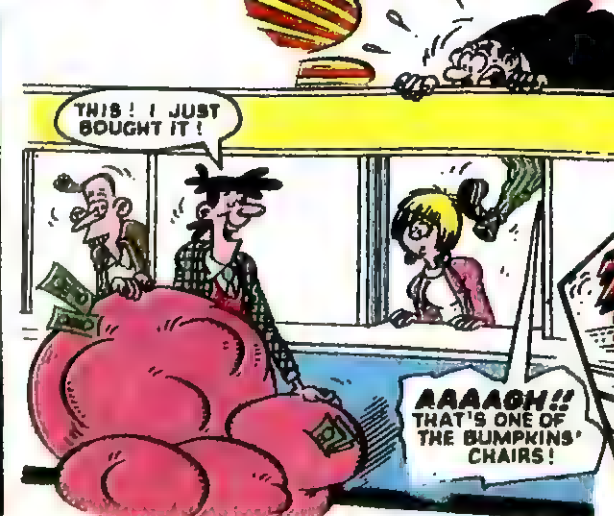
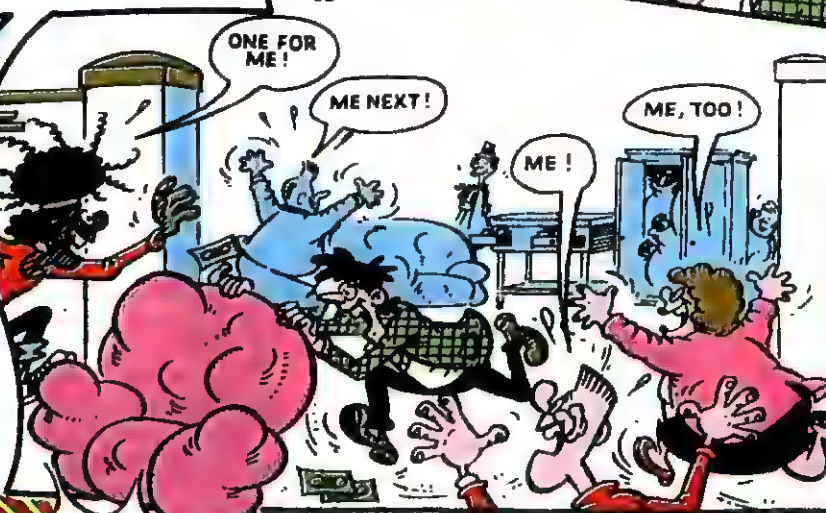
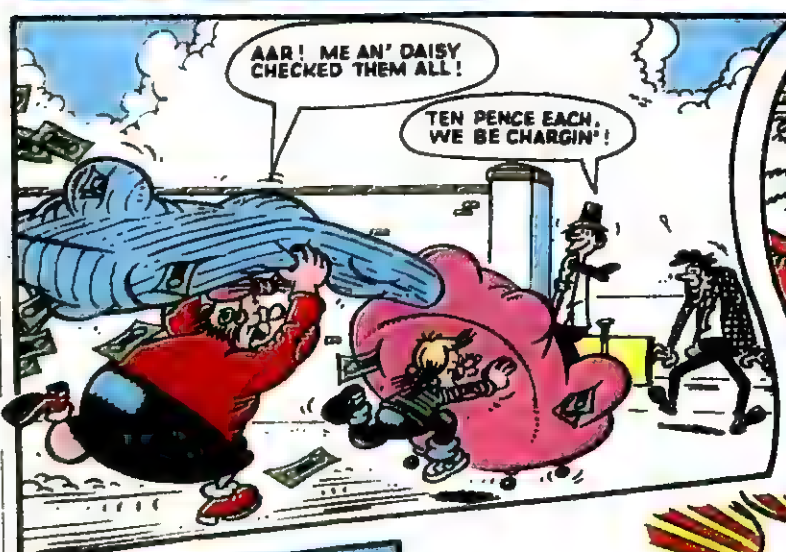
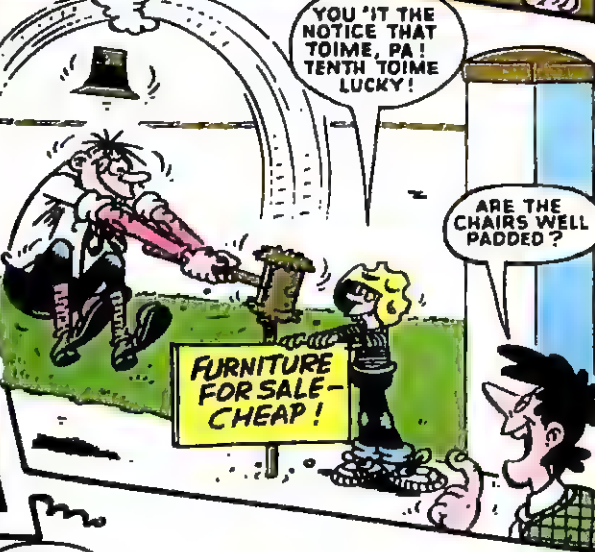
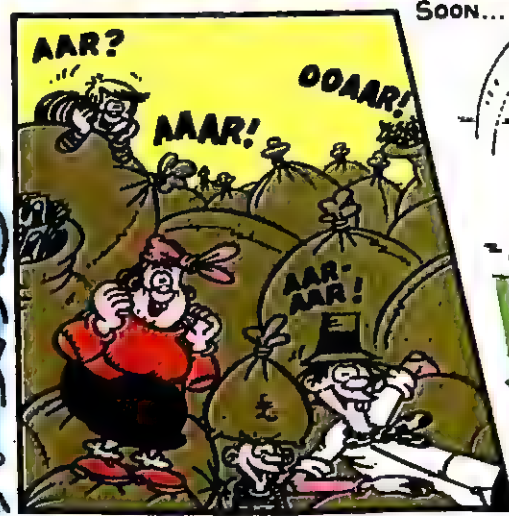




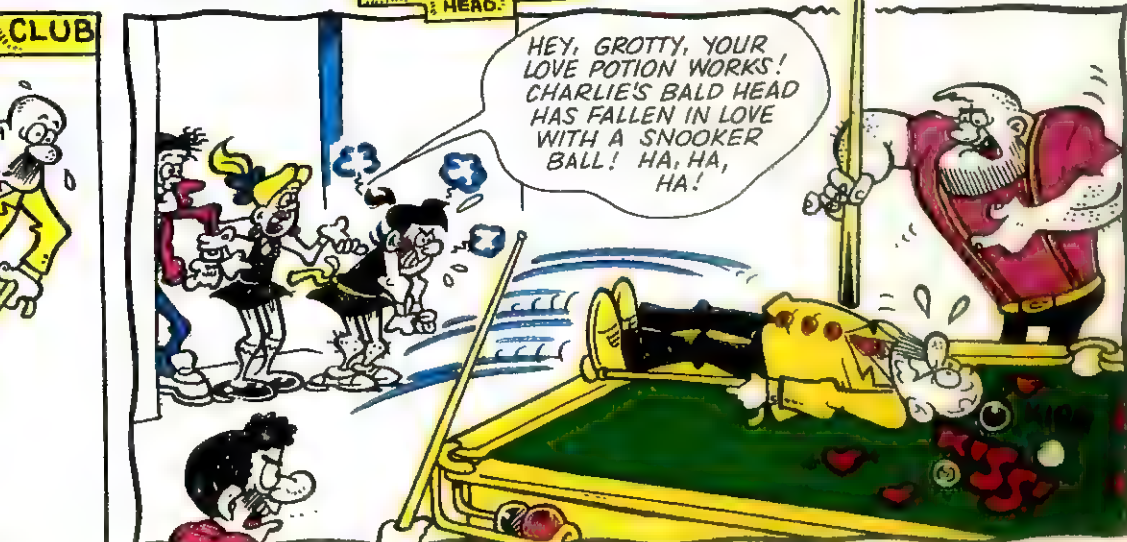
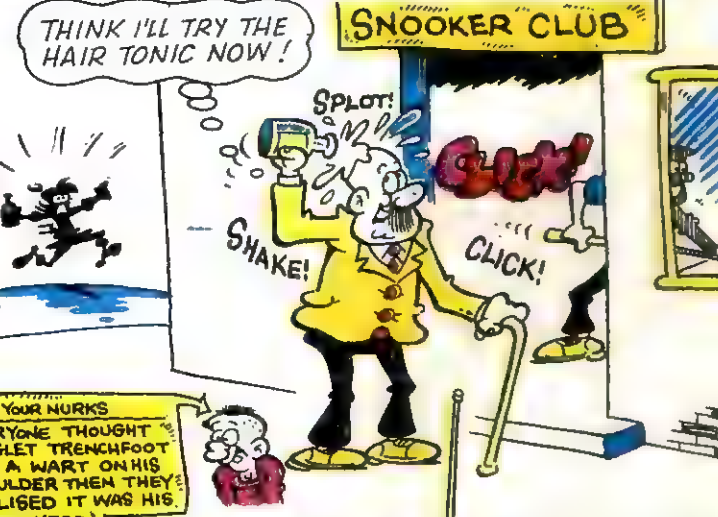
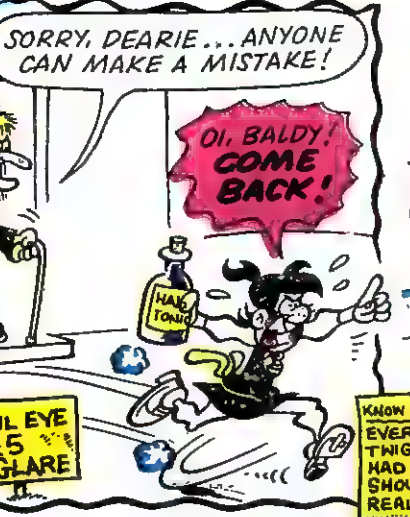
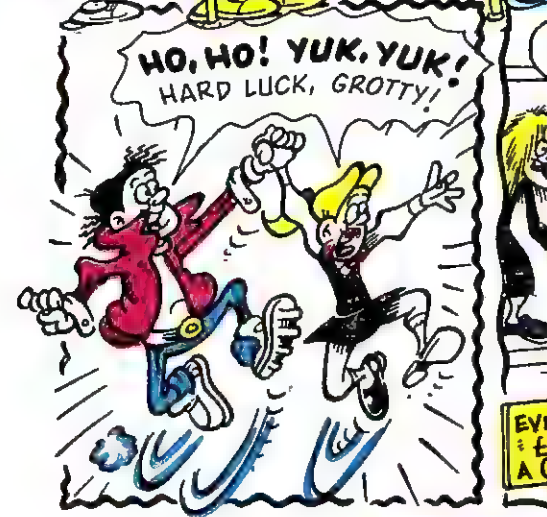
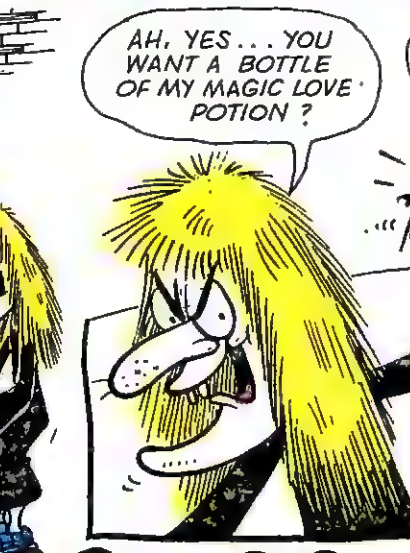
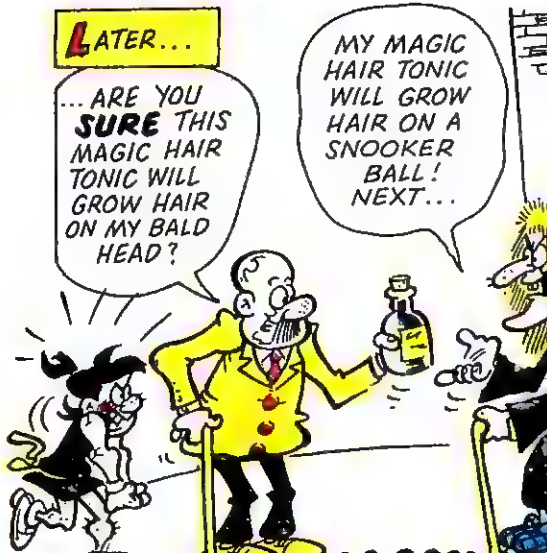
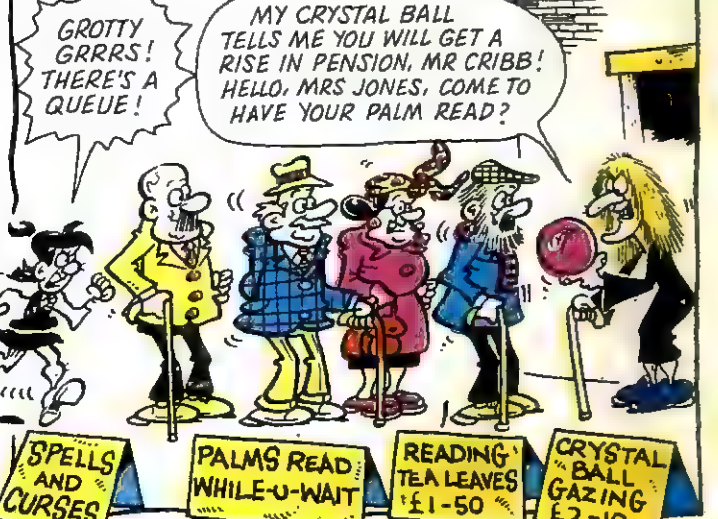
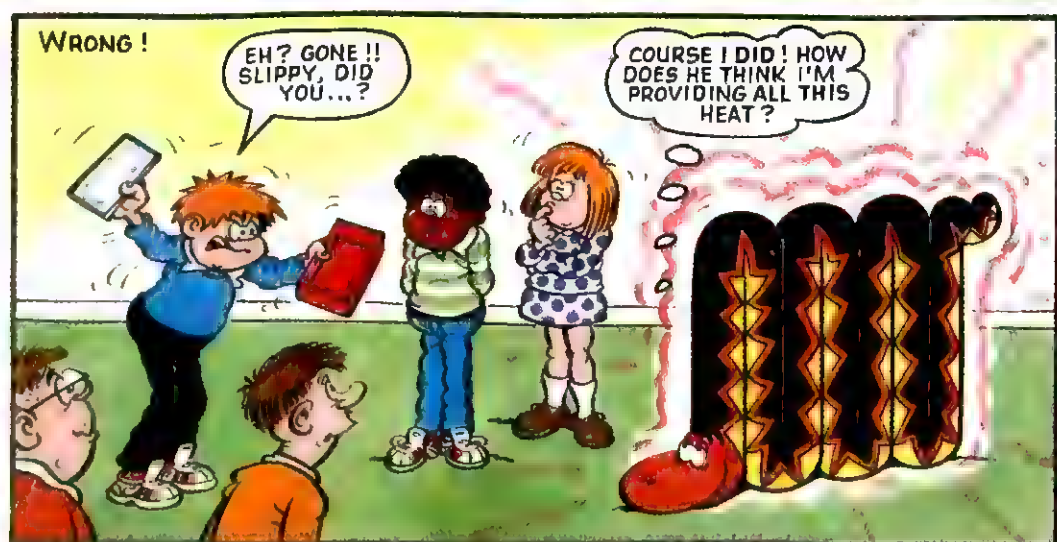
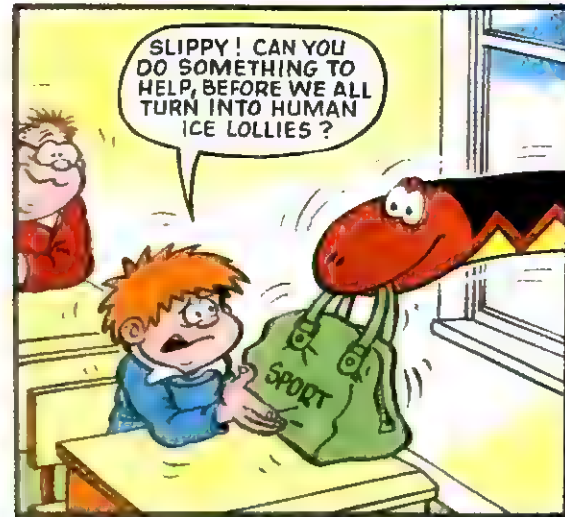
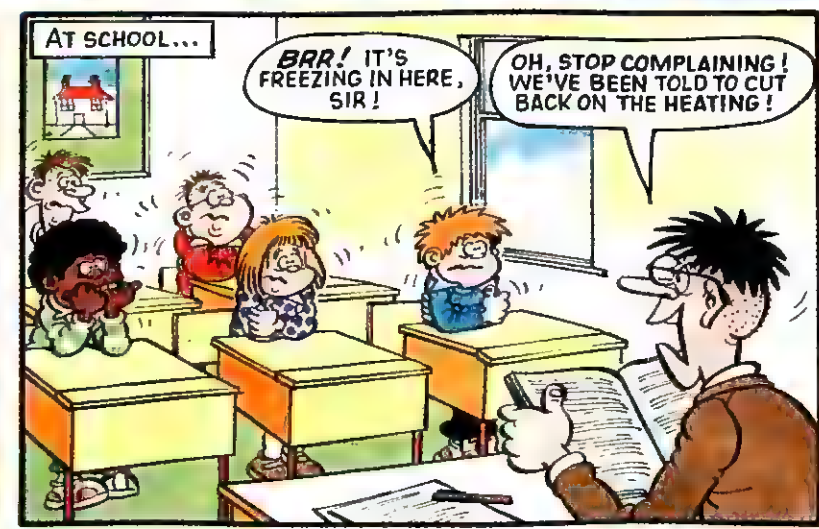
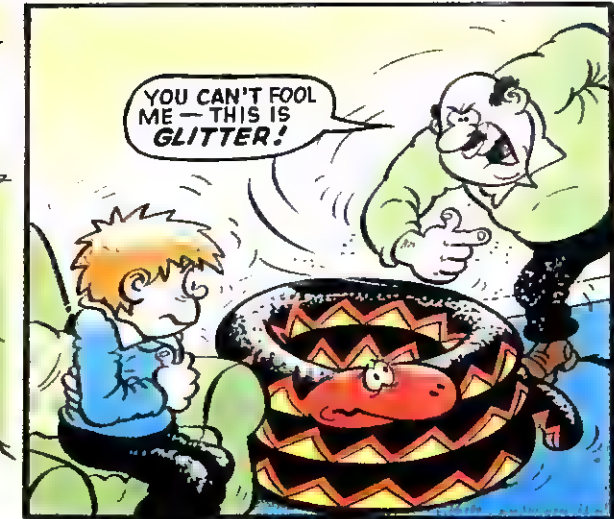
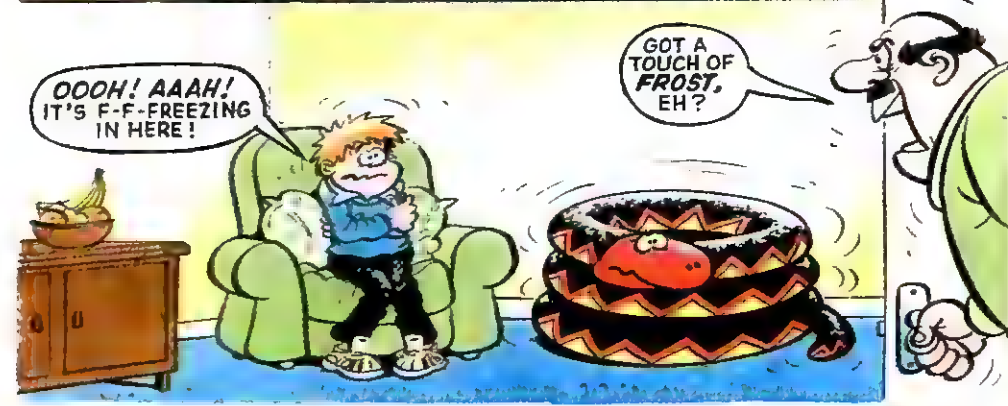
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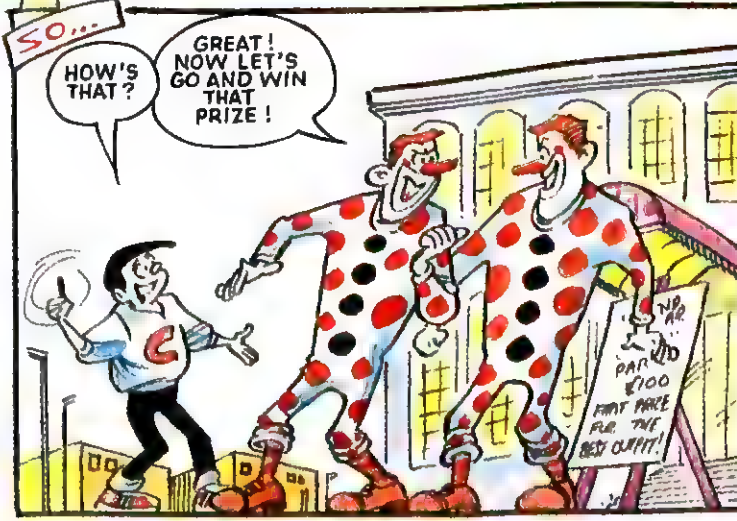
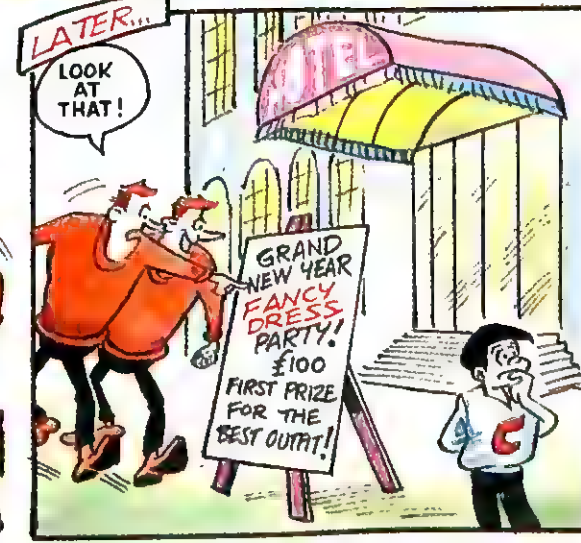


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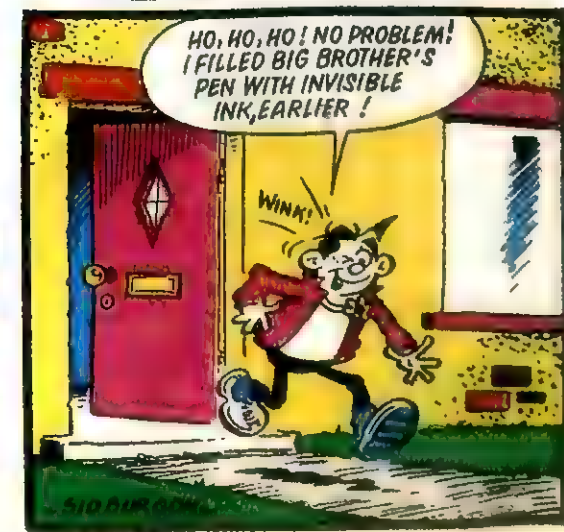
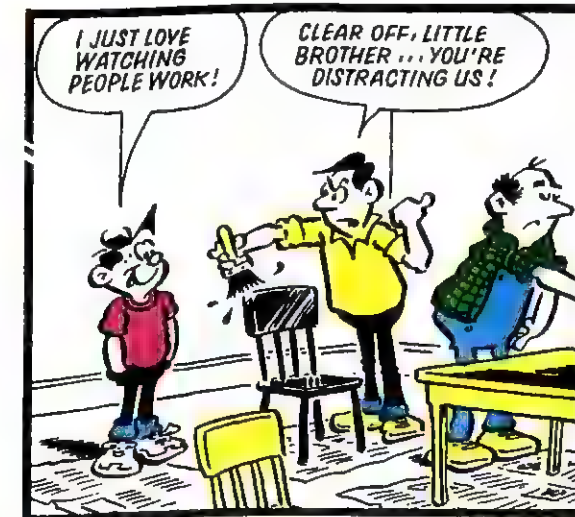
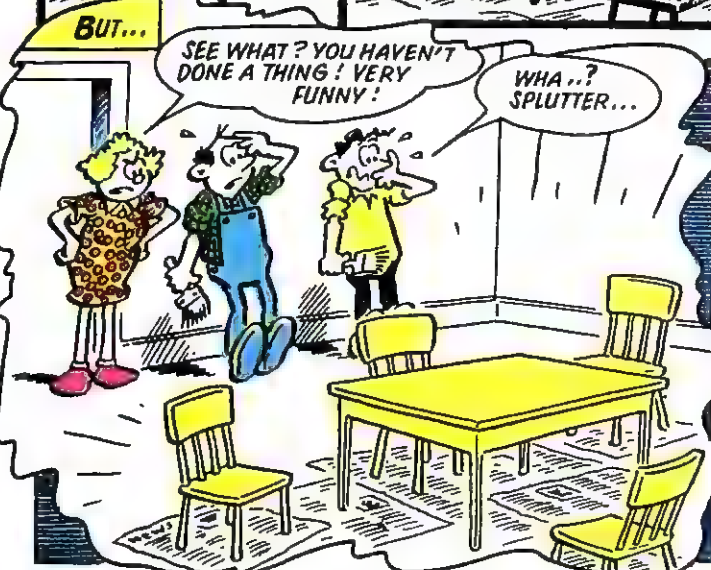
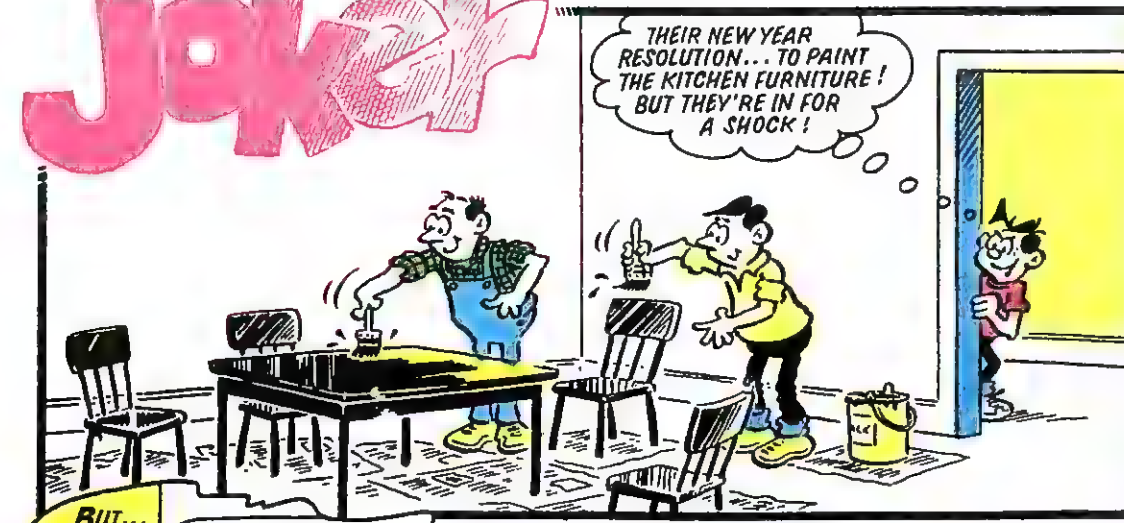


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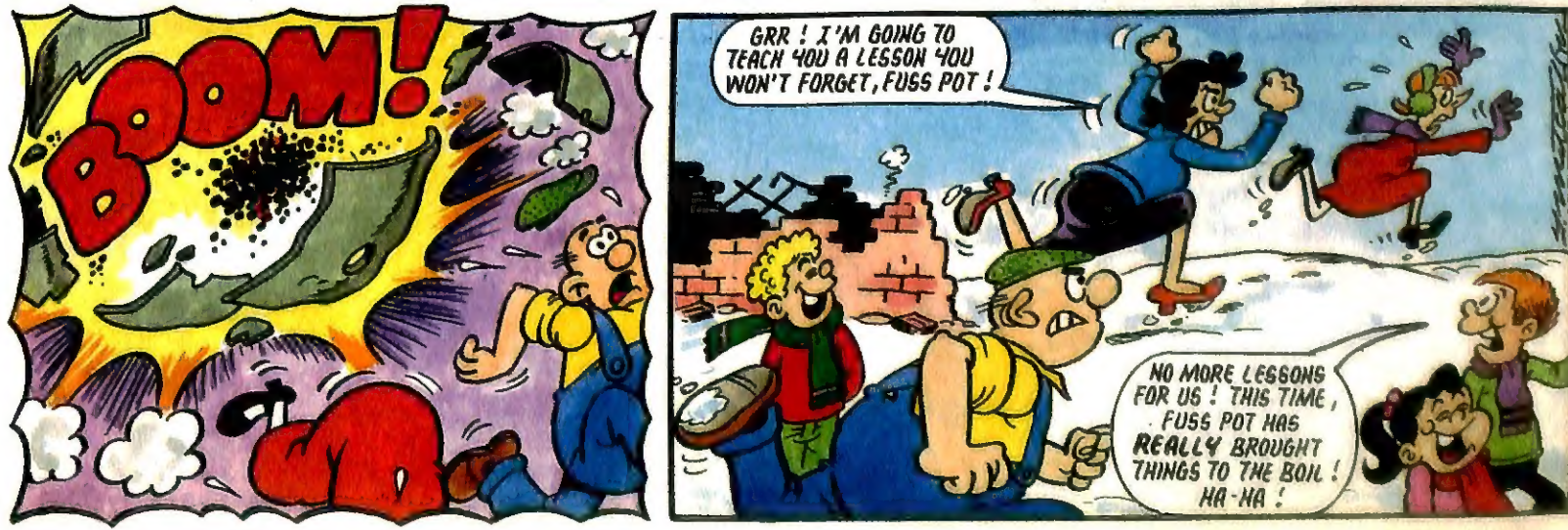
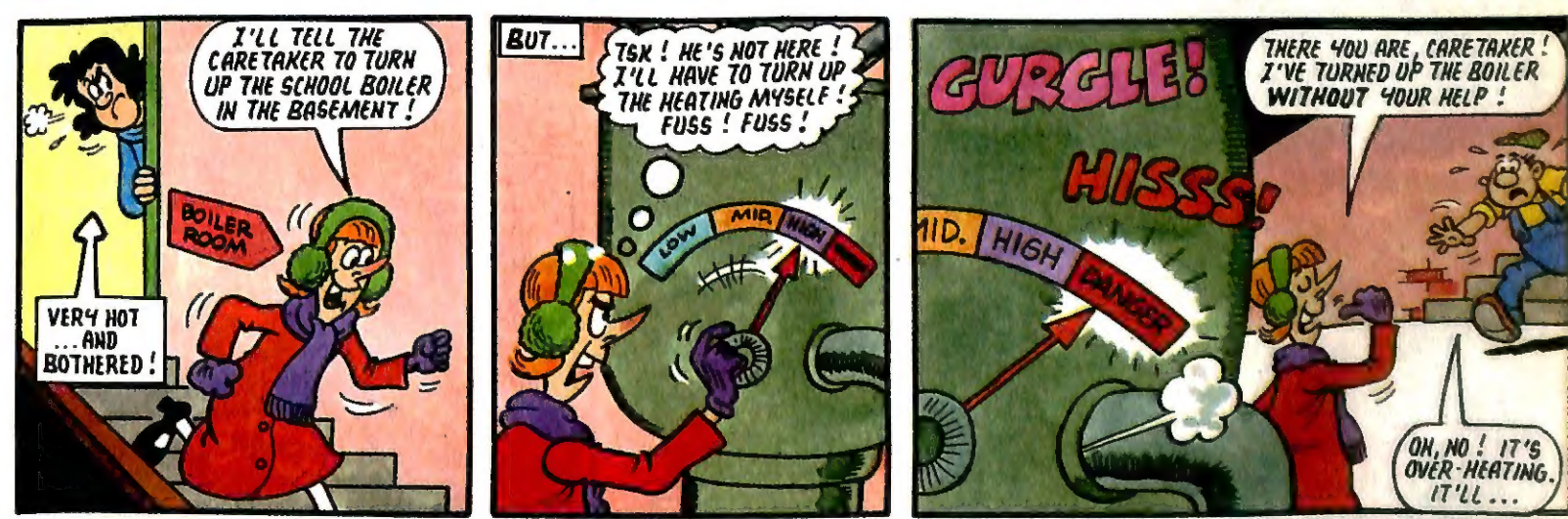
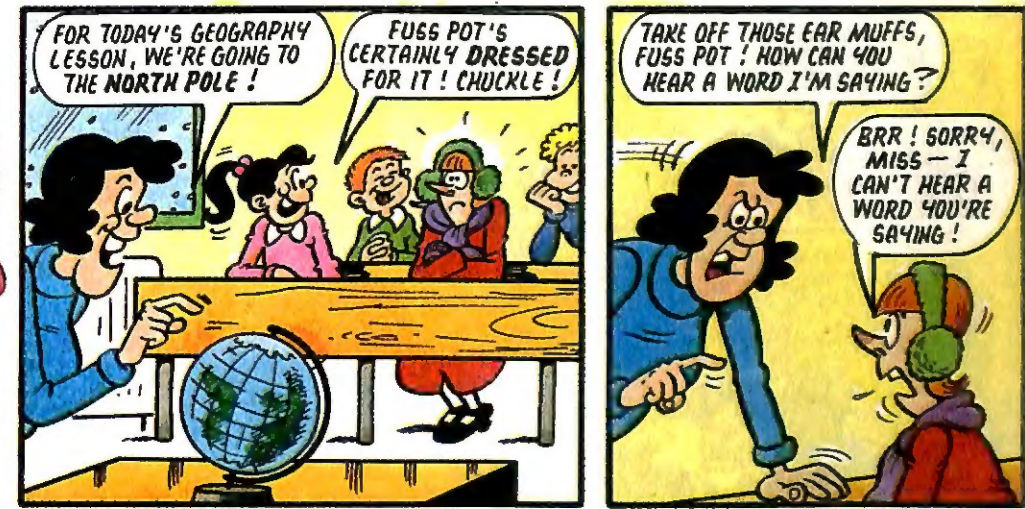
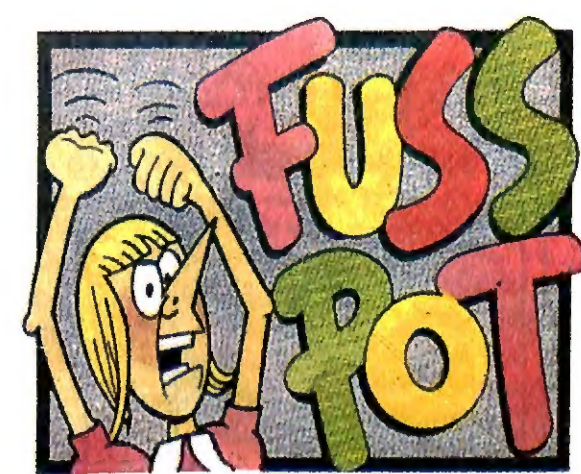
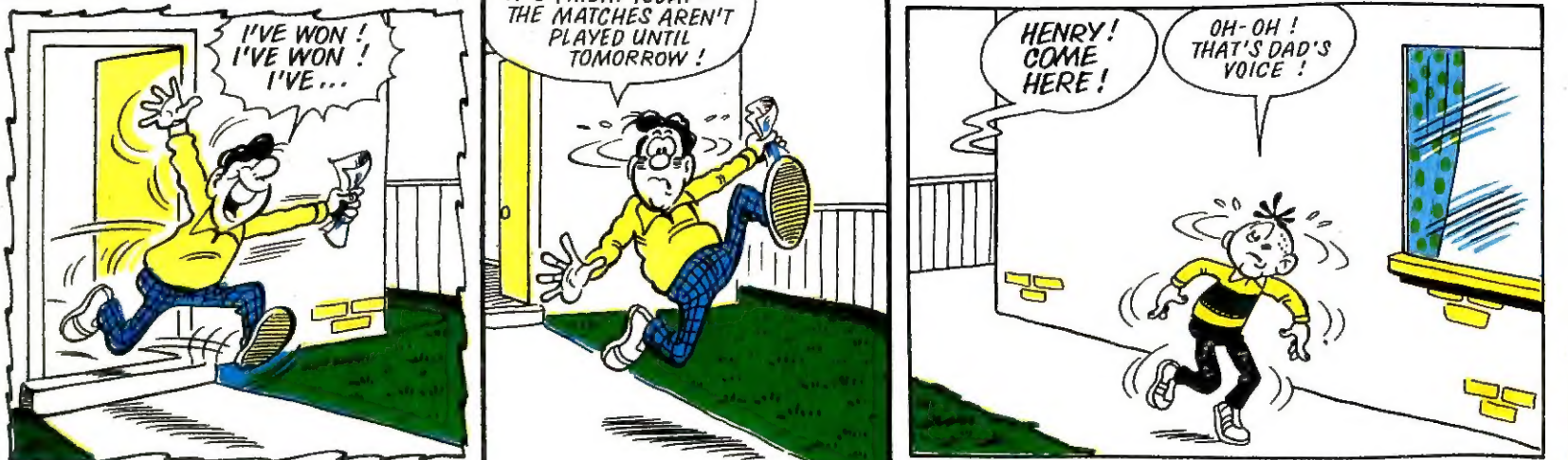




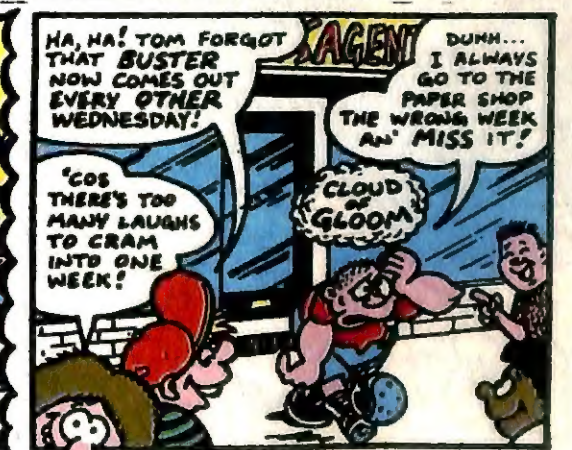
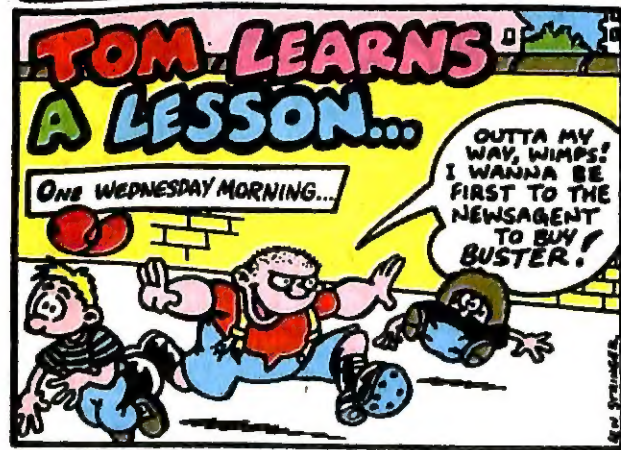
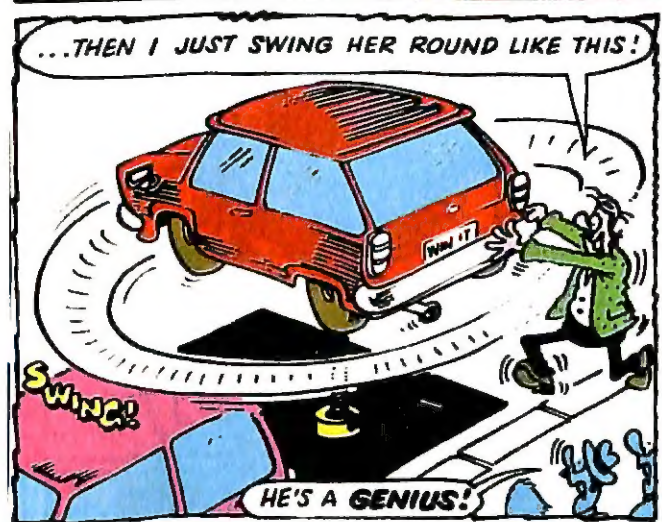
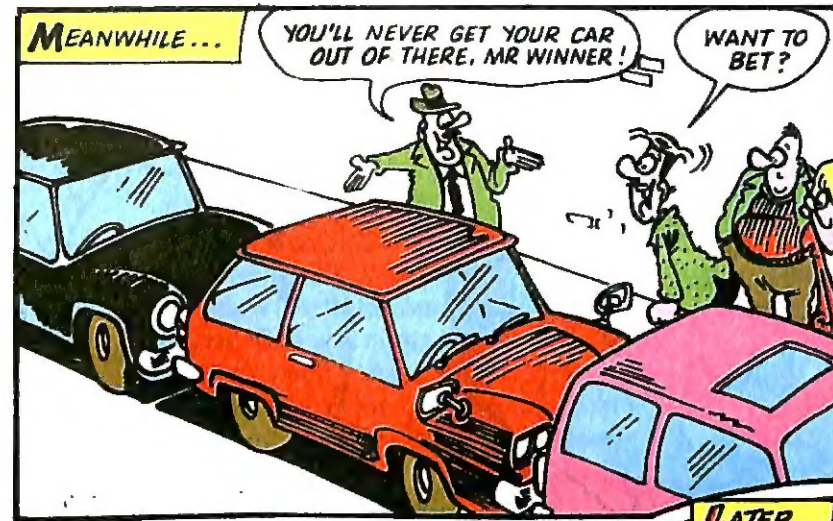
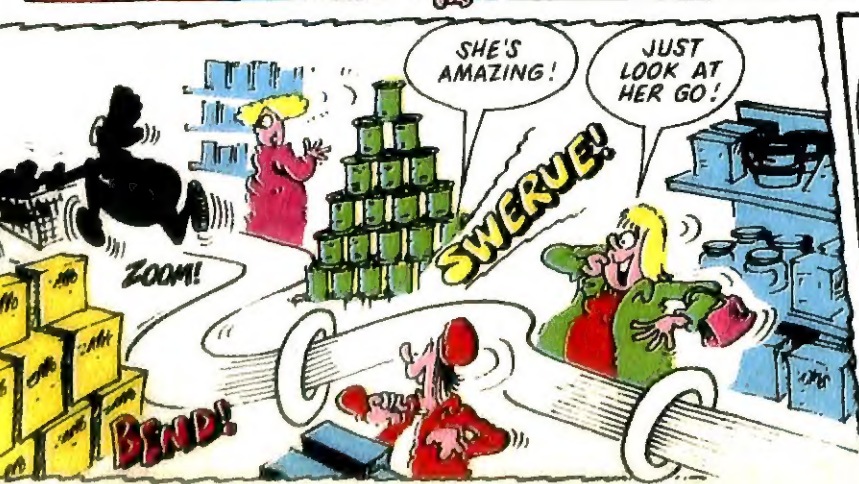
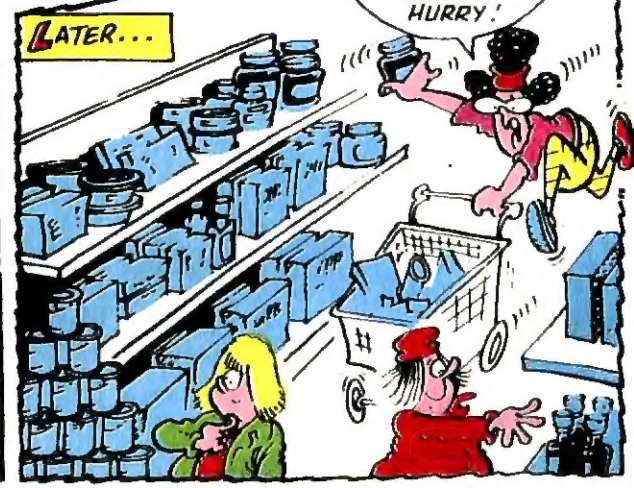
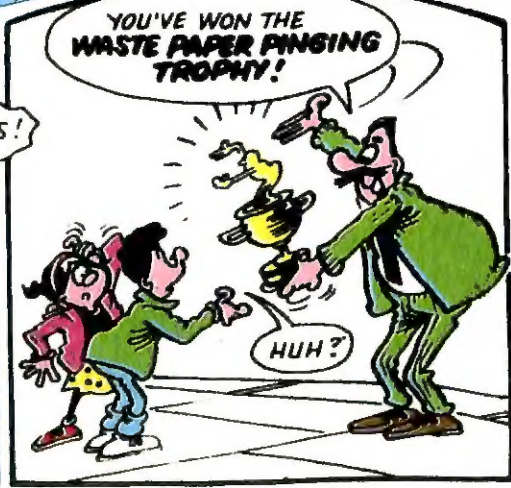
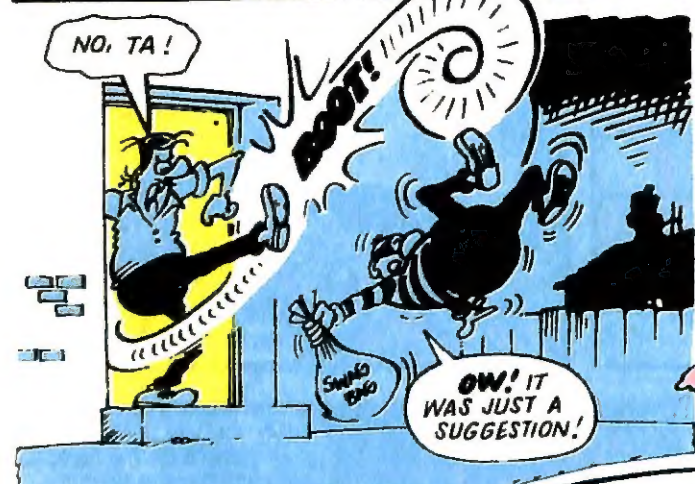
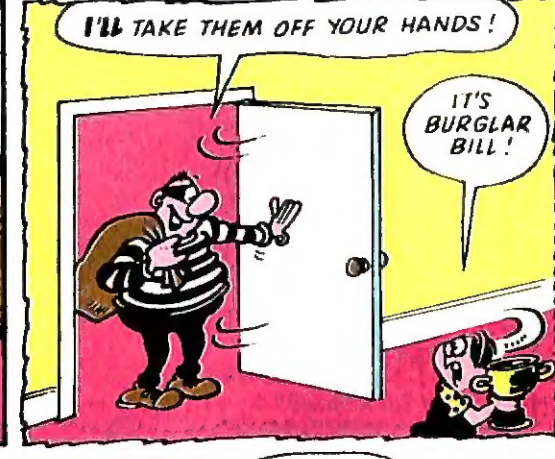
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The WINNERS



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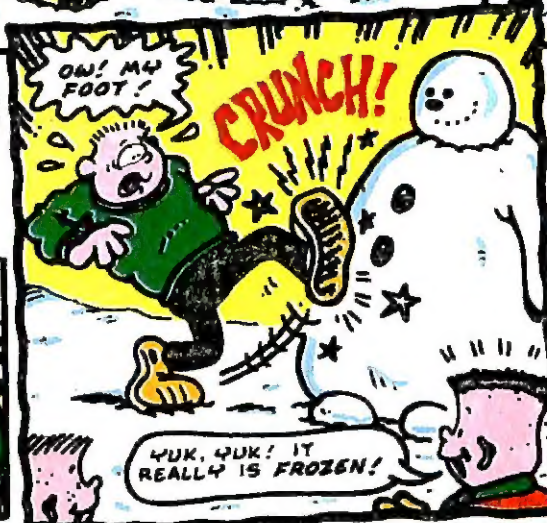
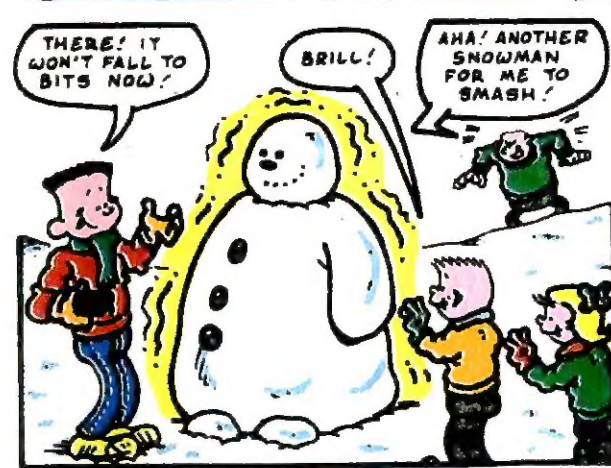
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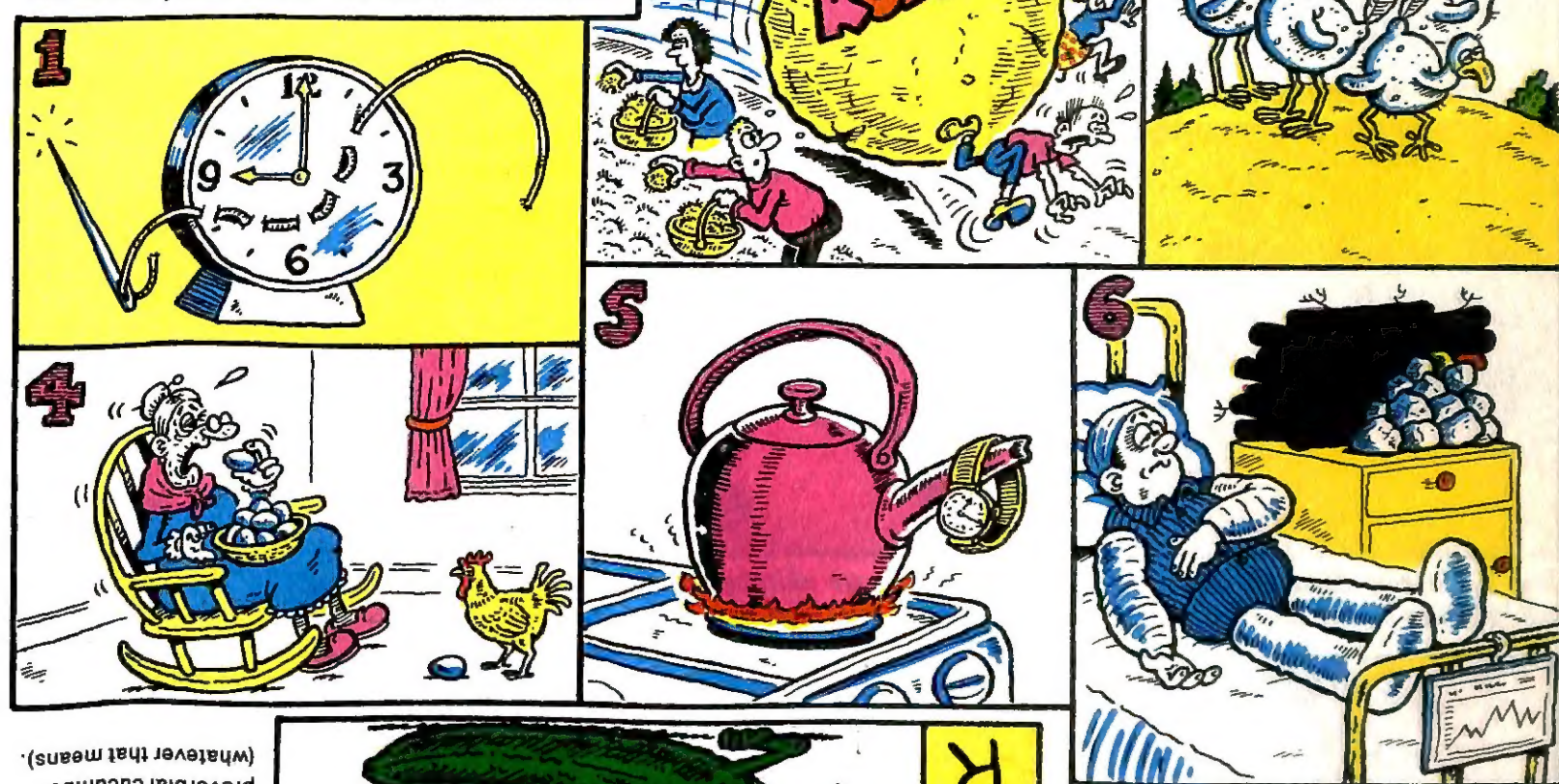
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ZAPPY NEW YEAR

ARE YOU A GOOL DUDE... OR A DUMBO?

We gave you the 'dead-easy' Christmas Quiz, now here's the 'well-hard' New Year Quiz. The pictures below illustrate some well-known proverbs. Can you name them? Award yourself a point for each correct answer - then check your score on the Buster Dumbometer.



0-1: Here's a proverb just for you. "People with no brains shouldn't do Buster quizzes."

2-3: It's not only trees that are made of wood, plank-brain.

4-5: Being almost there just isn't good enough. "A miss is as good as a mile."

6: Well done! You're as cool as the proverbial cucumber (whatever that means).

1. "A stitch in time saves nine."

2. "A rolling stone gathers no moss." (But it might flatten a few people if they happen to be in the way.)

3. "Birds of a feather flock together."

4. "You can't teach your grandmother to suck eggs." (That's about all the Ed's grandmother can suck, 'cos she's got no teeth.)

5. "A watched kettle never boils."

6. "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but names can never hurt me." (Unless you happen to be the Buster office boy. He got hurt by a name once - it fell down from over a shop doorway and flattened him.)

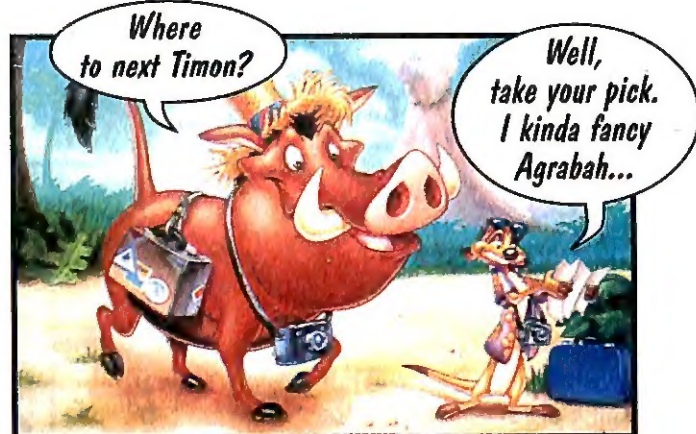
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ANSWERS!

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with Timon and Pumbaa

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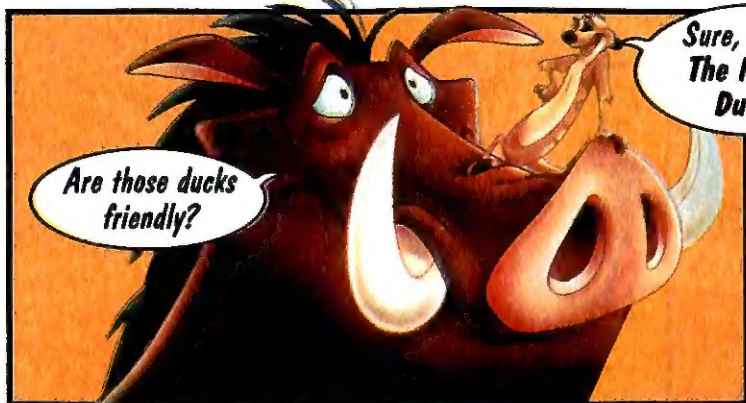


The zany duo from 'The Lion King' are wondering where in the world to go next in their weekly series.

Meanwhile, somewhere over Arabia...



That big 'n blue Genie and his pals Aladdin and Jasmine are whizzing off on another action-packed adventure, relying on their own sharp wits... and each other.



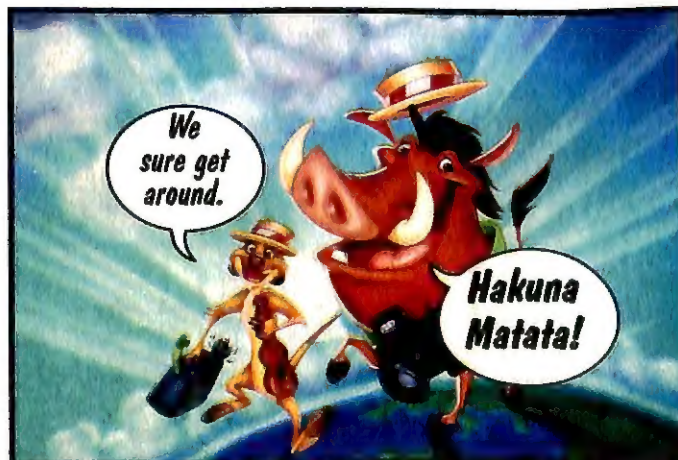
Our wise-cracking friends travel on, though Pumbaa is worried.



The Mighty Ducks of Anaheim are shaping up for another ice-hockey game, but they're always ready to fight the evil Dragaunus.



Dropping in on Bluffington, Doug and his friend Skeeter are raising the roof.



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